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Families are still waiting for cash

FAMILIES in Dudley owed hundreds of pounds in compensation for noise and foul smells they suffered from a foundry have yet to receive it – despite the council agreeing to pay it almost three months ago.

Dudley Council was told by the Local Government Ombudsman to pay 27 families £250 a week for taking too long to deal with the complaints made about Caparo Aluminium Technologies Ltd in Wollaston. The watchdog was called in after hundreds of complaints were made.

Residents complained to the council about the emissions and noise from the company, which closed the base last year.

On June 20, councillors agreed to the payout, which totalled £7,000.

But three months on, not one resident has received their entitlement and Sue Holmyard, assistant director of planning and environmental health, has admitted there had been a delay.

She said: "The delay has happened because we are spending time tracking down residents who have moved away. We could have done the payments on a drip feed basis, but that decision was not taken. I will take this on board as one of the lessons we have learned."

Five bailed over crash

FIVE teenagers arrested after a crash in which a 19-year-old man was killed have been bailed by police.

The men, all from Dudley and aged between 17 and 19, were arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after the crash involving a blue Corsa at 12.40am on Monday in Dudley Port Road, Tipton, near its junction with Anchor Road.

They have been bailed by police to a date in December.

The 19-year-old passenger, also from Dudley, died in hospital after being flung out of the car which struck a wall and a lamp post.

HOSPITAL JOBS UNDER THREAT

by Adam Burling

CLEANING jobs at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital are at risk as bosses look to save up to £2 million. Interserve, which provides the cleaning services at the hospital, is carrying out the review of its 150 domestic staff.

Bosses said the review could lead to redundancies but at this stage it is not known how many jobs could go. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is looking to make the savings on its outlay to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) partners such as Interserve.

Trust chief executive Paula Clark said: "As part of all the work we are doing with the PFI partners we are looking at where we can make efficiencies. It is about making savings across all of our services and the PFI is part of that." But she added "cleanliness remains a priority" and that she does not expect the standard of care for patients to be affected.

A statement by Interserve said: "We are working to improve service delivery at the hospital. As part of this process we are undergoing a thorough review with unions and our employees. "We are at the start of this consultation process and have identified a theoretical 150 positions which may be affected within our domestic team.

"At this stage of the process we do not know if any jobs will be affected or how many. If redundancies do become necessary our goal is to minimise these and to redeploy staff wherever possible. "Until the consultation period is over it is difficult to comment further."

Agreements

Mrs Clark added: "The three hospitals which form The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust – Russells Hall Hospital, the Guest and Corbett Outpatient centres – were built under a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme with Summit Healthcare. "We have service agreements with our PFI partners to deliver domestic services. These are provided to agreed standards designed to provide our patients with an excellent service.

"We monitor closely the provision of these services." Hospital governor Steve Waltho said while he understood cuts had to be made to protect front-line services he wanted assurances there would be no impact on hospital cleanliness. "This is a crucial issue for the hospital," he said.

"Last week it was reported improvements had been made in infection control at the hospital and we do not want anything to jeopardise the good work which has been done. In the present climate we understand cuts have to be made to protect services but we cannot permit a situation where things slip back."

Staff at the attraction in Tipton Road, were left reeling when the announcement was made by chief executive Andrew Lovett.

They fear the measures will "threaten the future" of the museum and destroy the unique character it has built up over the years.

Workers are now meeting to discuss their response to the measures and to devise an alternative for management to consider before a final decision is made on job losses.

Staff said they were "very worried" about the proposals and planned to use a 30-day consultation period to try and get bosses to change their minds.

They said it was not only a matter of saving positions at the attraction but also the impact the measures would have on the museum in future.

A part-time worker, who did not wish to be named, said: "Many of those affected by this have been at the museum for many years and have a great deal of experience. "The worry is these measures will ruin the whole ethos of the museum."

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Yobs cause £14,000 damage



From left, Church warden Ron Shaw and Rev Steven Martin at St John the Evangelist Church, Briarley Hill, where three headstones have been pushed over by vandals

A VICAR has spoken of his shock after yobs smashed three gravestones in a Briarley Hill churchyard – causing £14,000 of damage.

Vandals destroyed headstones and crosses in the grounds of St John the Evangelist Church, Brockmoor.

The stones, many of which decades old, were kicked or pushed over by yobs.

Stonework lies smashed across three blue-brick raised graves in the burial ground which surrounds the 19th century church.

The Rev Steve Martin called police after church warden Ron Shaw discovered the vandalism. Mr Martin asked residents and passersby to remain extra vigilant and to

report any suspicious activity to police.

"This is an absolute travesty that people want to do such a thing," he added. "It looks like somebody has been in the graveyard and, in a mindless act, has just pushed them over."

"I feel so sad for the people who would get a kick out of something like this."

He believes the vandalism happened within the past few days and likely took place over the weekend.

Mr Martin said the stonework had been completely destroyed and was beyond repair. He added they now faced the task of tracing families to inform them of the attack.

New plan on table for town theatre

A NEW visitor attraction could replace the old Dudley Hippodrome if the site is demolished.

Sketches show two-storey buildings – one coloured yellow with two large glass entrances, the other green with a sloping roof and a terrace. They have been revealed as part of a planning application to bulldoze the former theatre on Castle Hill.

In documents submitted, the council says it would initially use the site as car parking for Dudley Zoo before potentially building a "sensitive visitor attraction".

The council has not yet revealed what type of attraction it might be. This would be designed to enhance one of the main entrance gateways to the town.

But despite the plans, Dudley Council leader Councillor Sparks said he would consider a campaign group's alternative business plan to reopen the theatre.

Last week, the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome submitted their business plan to councillors in a bid to save the site from demolition.

They want to see the former theatre reopen so it can be used by the community.

Stray horses action plan

AN action plan to tackle the problem of stray and illegally grazing horses in Dudley is to be given a green light after a year-long trial proved successful.

Dudley Council launched new measures in an attempt to control the number of horses left to wander around borough streets following a surge in complaints last year.

They have proved so successful the authority is now set to adopt them permanently.

Under the scheme, the council, in partnership with West Midlands Police, will continue to remove all stray horses reported on or near the highway.

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Rating is up as superbug cases fall

DUDLEY'S Russells Hall Hospital, which 12 months ago faced a sharp rise in the number of patients getting superbug c.diff, is to be awarded an improved rating as infection numbers continue to fall, bosses claim.

The hospital was given an amber-red rating earlier this year by Monitor, the regulator of Foundation Trusts, because of the high number of cases since last April.

But the latest assessment by Dudley health trust chiefs indicates a green rating for governance – the highest available.

The rating from Monitor focusing on infection risk has already improved from amber-red to amber-green following a 60 per cent drop in the number of patients with c.diff.

Trust governors were told at a meeting last week that it is also expected to further improve in the

coming months. Bosses have bought two hydrogen peroxide vapour machines – fogging machines – at a cost of £69,000 to help reduce the spread of infections.

The number of cases has fallen from 38 in the first quarter of the 2011/12 financial year to 14 in the first quarter of 2012/13.

There have been no cases of deadly superbug MRSA in the last 15 months. Director of nursing

Denise McMahon told the meeting: "The rise in cases of c.diff last year was not an outbreak – it would have been easier in a way if it was, as we would have known what to do to stop it."

"The infections were not being passed from person to person so it was difficult to explain the increase. But we set up a team to forensically examine what we were doing with infection control."

Sikh centre caught up in violence is reopened

A COMMUNITY centre in Dudley which closed more than a year ago after a protest erupted into violence has finally reopened.

More than £30,000 damage was caused at the Sikh Cultural Centre, Wellington Road, last May when 200 people complained about meat and alcohol being served at a private function. The demonstration was organised by UK

A tribute to mettle of ladies

THE pioneering work of a formidable group of Black Country women "The Iron Ladies of Cradley Heath" will be honoured at an event in October.

The tribute will be held at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum on October 20.

In 1910 the Women Chainmakers of Cradley Heath won a fight to establish the right to a fair wage following a bitter dispute.

The employers and unions agreed to a minimum wage of two-and-a-half pence an hour – an amount which equalled a 150 per cent pay increase for the poorest of workers.

Andrew Lovett, director and chief executive of the Black Country Living Museum said: "We are delighted once again to commemorate the courageous actions of a group of women from Cradley Heath, who marched for better pay and shaped industrial relations in Britain."

The museum will relive the story of the women through street performance and re-enactment from Fiz-zog Productions and Tête-à-Tête theatre group.

Sangat, which protests against code-breaking temples.

Missiles, including plant pots were thrown leaving a police officer injured during the incident.

Bosses then closed the facility over concerns it could be targeted again.

But a decision was made to work towards reopening the venue and it welcomed back visitors on Saturday night.

Temple trustee Jaz Kang said: "We're very pleased."

"It's a substantial resource and we're delighted it is back open to the local community."

There was a police presence around the venue on to tackle any potential trouble but none materialised.

Trustees

The trustee said the community centre was targeted because protesters wrongly assumed the facility was linked with the nearby temple.

This was because some of the trustees were also trustees of the Gurdwara Guru Nanak Singh Sabha which is next door.

But he said over the past 15 months a new board had been set up which made it clear there was no connection.

"That centre had been run successfully for 20 years and the decision was taken that we should not be bullied into closing a community facility," said Mr Kang.

Police were called to the Sikh Cultural Centre during the trouble and a force helicopter was scrambled to monitor the melee.

Service will honour The Few



The Mayor meets with veterans of the Battle of Britain at Ednam Road cenotaph

PILOTS who fought in the Battle of Britain are to be honoured with a special service at St Thomas and St Luke's church on Sunday followed by a parade in the centre of Dudley.

A parade featuring cadets from the borough's training corps will march at 11 am from Priory Road down towards the church where the service will be held at 11.30 am.

After the service the parade will continue with a march past Council House in Priory Road where the Mayor and a representative from RAF Cosford will receive a salute.

It will then continue on to the cenotaph in Ednam Road where wreaths will be laid in memory of those who gave their lives more than 70 years ago.

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram, said: "This is an ideal opportunity to come out and show your support for the armed forces, and remember the huge sacrifices these people made for us in the Battle of Britain." The RAF Association will also hold its annual Battle of Britain service at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, on the same day at 11 am.

Council to consider fate of alleyway

COUNCIL officers have vowed to explore what measures can be taken to prevent further tragedies following the murder of popular Sedgley man Shane Watson.

Family and friends of the 23-year-old have submitted a 3,000-signature petition calling for the alleyway off Springfield Grove, Sedgley, to be closed.

Mr Watson died of his injuries after being attacked in the alleyway, which is near to his home, following a night out on July 28.

The community claims drug users congregate in the passage and say that residents' complaints have been ignored for years.

Dudley Council has confirmed it has received the document and said officers were now in discussion with police about what could be done.

Councillor Judy Foster, said: "All of the issues have to be thoroughly explored and we therefore do not anticipate any decisions being made imminently."

The family of Mr Watson immediately called for the alleyway closure following his death.

They say it is a magnet for drug users and anti-social behaviour.

Man set fire to himself

A MAN died from severe burns after dousing himself with flammable liquid and setting fire to himself, an inquest heard.

Mohammed Banaras had gone into the garden of his home, in Worcester Road, Dudley, after returning home from a mosque on November 28 last year.

Dudley Coroners Court heard the 65-year-old was taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital but later died. Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a narrative verdict that he died by igniting an inflammable liquid applied by himself.

Plans for pub

PLANS to convert a Coseley pub into apartments have been submitted to planners. The Hop and Barleycorn, in Mason Street, will be turned into four two-storey flats.

Dudley Council will decide on the designs by Dudley Estates Ltd, of West Bromwich, later this year.

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Medic to take trip to track

A TEAM taking a Del Boy-style Reliant Robin round a famous grand prix track have recruited a Halesowen paramedic for their European road trip.

Chris Davies is preparing to tackle the 1,100-mile journey to Germany's Nurburgring to support Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice.

He will be joined by Helen Campbell, aged 39, from Halesowen, who has been with West Midlands Ambulance Service for eight years and is an advanced paramedic in the town.

Mr Davies came up with the idea during a session in the pub with his friends Chris Barnett - who will be his "co-pilot" on the trip - and Neil Gantley, who is taking along a Citroen 2CV as a support vehicle.

Mr Davies, aged 34, hopes he will not have to use his mechanical skills on the three-wheeler after they set off on September 28. They will take the vehicles on a ferry across the North Sea to Holland before heading to the race track in the village of Nurburg, western Germany. Miss Campbell said: "I recently lost my best friend to cancer. She was 39 and left behind her one year old son."

Views call on services

VIEWES are being sought on services for children with disabilities in Worcestershire.

Services run by Worcestershire County Council include short break activities such as after-school clubs, weekend activities, summer play schemes and respite care.

The authority also runs a range of support services.

The council wants the views of parents and carers and their experiences.

The consultation runs until September 28. Visit worcestershire.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Petition taken in

AN MP has delivered a petition to Number 10 Downing Street calling for greater protection for youngsters on the internet.

Mark Garnier, MP for Wyre Forest, has taken part in a cross-party Parliamentary inquiry into online child protection, which concluded Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and the Government need to do more.

Villagers planning a protest in homes row

ANGRY villagers near Stourbridge will stage a demonstration and have threatened to boycott events at Lord Cobham's manor house in protest over controversial plans to build nearly 200 new homes on his land.

More than 100 people gathered at Hagley Free Church last week to air their views on proposals by Cala Homes to build properties and offices on land owned by Lord Cobham.

Residents agreed a protest should be staged in the village and at Hagley Hall to show the depth of opposition. The site

is part of the 350-acre hall estate and is bordered by the A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road.

Last week's meeting, staged by Hagley and Clent parish councils, heard 4,300 leaflets had been delivered across the area by Hagley Residents Action Group.

And 180 individual objections have already been lodged with Bromsgrove District Council and a petition has been signed by 1,000 people.

As part of the protest, residents plan to wave placards on the A456 traffic

island in a demonstration. A date has still to be set for the action. Letters will also be sent to the district council opposing the plans and residents plan to boycott events at the hall.

Residents say the 175 new homes would lead to traffic congestion and stretch schools and the village surgery beyond breaking point.

Plans to add an access road to the A456 roundabout were also criticised.

Carolyn Williams, aged 65, of Brookland Road, said: "There is already a problem with traffic congestion in the

village and this will only make the situation worse. The schools are already full and the surgery cannot take on so many extra patients.

"It will take the village past breaking point," she added.

Richard Ward, 67, of Brookland Road, said: "There is already an issue with water collecting at the bottom of Worcester Street in heavy storms."

Hagley Residents Action Group member Joy Corbett said: "Many residents said they would be in favour of a demonstration."

Family jewellers aiming for £1m expansion of stores

A FAMILY-owned jewellers, which has traded in the region for more than a century, is set for a £1 million expansion which will increase its number of stores in the Midlands.

by Andrew Turton

T H Baker, which was established in 1888, will open three new shops, adding to its growing network of jewellery outlets based across the country.

The company has branches in Walsall, Halesowen, Kidderminster, the Merry Hill shopping centre and Stourbridge and has also been growing its Pandora range, which has an outlet in Birmingham's Bullring.

T H Baker's latest store, in Stratford-upon-Avon, takes the firm's network of stores to 19, staffed by 230 employees.

The business was founded on October 6, 1888 by watchmaker and jeweller Thomas Henry Baker. He opened the company's first store, in Brierley Hill, which is still going.

Chief executive, Andrew Higgs, said everyone was pleased to have secured the finance to enable the business to expand.

"We are very proud of our heritage and our success is

testimony to the values set out by our great-great-grandfather when he first established the business which was around offering great service and value," he said.

"We have continued to evolve the business with the introduction of the Pandora concept stores and some of our online ventures such as the Jewel Hut."

Financial

Thomas Henry Baker's daughter Phillis and her husband, Frank Higgs, bought the business in 1915 - steering it through the financial difficulties of the First World War.

Two further branches were opened in Walsall and Wolverhampton between 1945 and 1952. Recent additions are Burton-on-Trent and Telford.

Alan Higgs, great grandson of Thomas Henry Baker, joined as appointed managing director in 1987.

Officers in hunt to find missing death crash bike

POLICE investigating the death of a motorcyclist in Stourport are still hunting for the bike he was riding when the crash happened. Kieran Joseph O'Sullivan, aged 21, who lived in the town, lost control of the vehicle near to the Brinton Arms pub in Bewdley Road on August 13.

He suffered a serious head injury and was confirmed dead at the scene by paramedics. Police have been trying to trace the bike after it was removed from the scene before officers arrived. West Mercia Police spokesman Dylan Evans said: "There is still no trace of the missing bike."

It is believed to be red and black. Call police on 101 with information about the bike.



Olympic cyclist Jess Varnish says she is already back in training after the Games

Jess is back in training

OLYMPIC cyclist Jess Varnish has put her Olympic heartbreak behind her and revealed she is already back in training looking to future events.

The 21-year-old was in Dudley last week to meet staff from a social housing partnership as they reached the half-way mark on a 120-mile cycling challenge across the Midlands.

Jess, a member of Halesowen Cycling Club, travelled from Manchester to greet workers from Matrix Housing Partnership while doing their run.

She took part in a circuit with the four-man team, who are aiming to raise £5,000 for charity Shelter which cares for homeless people.

Jess, originally from Bromsgrove, said she was delighted to be asked along to meet the fundraisers who completed their journey from Lichfield to Evesham.

Jess said: "I have been back in training for the past two weeks."

Chairman of Matrix Mike Pritty, one of the fundraisers, said: "We are very grateful to Jess taking the time out of her busy schedule."

NEWS in brief

Decision on bid for housing due

CONTROVERSIAL plans for more than 40 new homes in a village near Kidderminster is to be decided after planners deferred a decision last month to see the site for themselves.

Barratt West Midlands wants to build 33 houses, seven bungalows and two flats on the former Blake-down Nurseries site, in Belbroughton Road, Blakedown.

The application has sparked 21 letters of objection. A decision was due on September 11.

Campaign targets safety at schools

A NEW campaign has been launched urging drivers in Wyre Forest to take care near schools.

Worcestershire County Council is reminding drivers that "Stop means Stop" when staff are helping pupils cross roads.

Seven-year-old Tom Roberts has designed a poster, which will be placed near schools across the county.

The Great Witley Primary School pupil decided to focus on the work of the School Crossing Patrol service.

Firms turn out at breakfast event

MORE than 110 delegates turned out for an event at Worcestershire County Cricket Club.

Find it in worcestershire's latest breakfast meeting saw dozens of county companies take part in meetings with the cricket club, all keen to attract work on its new multi-million pound conference centre development.

Stolen van found left and burned

THIEVES stole the keys to a van in Bewdley and then abandoned the vehicle later found on fire near Stourport.

Police have now issued an appeal for witnesses.

Thieves struck at a property in Shaw Hedge Road, Bewdley. Anyone with information can call police on 0300 333 3000, quoting 7705 280812.

Paralympics day

STAFF and customers at Sainsbury's in Ambicote took part in activities to celebrate the Paralympics. It was part of a day of events at stores across the country.

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SO FAREWELL, Max Bygraves. He was a link with that curious post-war age of innocence when a pop star could make a record about a pink toothbrush and a blue toothbrush, and the rest of us would rush out to buy it. How times change.

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HOWEVER hard we try, we cannot avoid looking at paralympic athletes in a particular way. With an able-bodied star, we first look at the face and then the whole body. As the paralympic athletes line up, our eyes wander over each limb in turn until we see the disability. It is human nature to be so inquisitive but the full body-scan we reserve for disabled athletes must irritate them intensely.

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AND so, I guess, must be constantly referred to as brave, heroic, courageous or plucky. Most paralympians are simply hard-working and determined to make the best of a bad deal. And the disabled soldiers in the GB team will tell you, as soldiers throughout history have told us, that the real heroes are their mates who never came home.

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WORST job of the Cabinet reshuffle, as the petrol bombs and rubber bullets fly yet again, is surely that of Northern Ireland Secretary, awarded to the luckless Theresa Villiers. It must be like taking over a huge, dysfunctional kindergarten.

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A READER reflects on that historic moment in 1969 when the late, great Neil Armstrong planted the American flag on the surface of the moon. He wonders whether this was the only time in history that anyone has raised the Stars and Stripes outside the United States without lots of people getting killed.

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THE big investment banks report that they are obliged to pay graduates up to £45,000 a year to lure them into an industry which has such a bad name. But why are they recruiting graduates at all? Capitalism follows a cycle of rising greed followed by collapse. In the banking game, long memories are a great asset because the more people who remember the agonies of the last crash, the better are the chances of avoiding the next one. We need a law banning investment banks from recruiting anyone under 70.

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CLEAR blue water is appearing between Barack Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney. Or to be more accurate, clear golden nectar. Romney is a Mormon and a teetotaler. Obama, it was revealed this week, has his own beer brewed at a micro-brewery in the White House. Suddenly, according to the polls, the States is warming to its President. As the aptly-named pundit Harry Wallop observes this week: "If your opponent's strongest drink is mint tea, you've got Wyoming in the bag before anyone's cast a vote." Let us hope so. The idea of an American president, the most powerful man in the world, believing that real ale is the work of the Devil sets all sorts of alarm bells ringing.

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WHAT a joy it was to see the rare pine martens on The One Show (BBC1). These home-grown charmers are every bit as endearing as meerkats and do not try to sell you insurance.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

A&J Mucklow profits slump by £13m

PROFITS at a Halesowen developer slumped sharply by more than £13 million after it was hit by falling property values, latest results reveal.

A&J Mucklow, which has its head office in the town, reported a fall in profits from £13.5m to £169,000 in the last 12 months.

Bosses at the firm said the Midlands industrial property market

remained fragile as investors were concerned about economic prospects. But the firm scored success by reducing the vacancy rate for its properties.

These have fallen from 7.3 per cent to 6.5 per cent – the company's best figures in five years. This helped rental income rise from £18.3m to £20.2m, according to the firm's preliminary results.

Chairman Rupert Mucklow said he was pleased with the figures considering regional property values remained under pressure over the past 12 months. "Our robust portfolio of industrial and commercial property principally located in the Midlands has continued to perform well," he said.

The underlying pre-tax profit for the year, which excludes revaluation

of properties and profits from the disposal of investment, development and trading properties, increased by 10 per cent to £13.4m.

The reduction in profits was mainly due to a £15m deficit on the revaluation of investment properties and development land.

Mr Mucklow added it was difficult to predict what will happen over the next 12 months.

BCLM shedding 70 jobs over weather and cuts

THE Black Country Living Museum, Dudley plans to shed up to 70 jobs and close two days a week in the winter following funding cuts and a slump in numbers visiting the attraction.

by Daniel Wainwright

The museum says it has suffered the "most appalling summer" due to the weather.

Chief executive Andrew Lovett said visitor numbers were down up to 15 per cent on what would normally have been expected.

The museum, which employs 239, will close twice a week between November and Easter under plans to save £250,000 a year.

It was recently stripped of a £70,000 a year grant from Dudley Council, which is facing millions of pounds of cuts of its own and around 800 job losses.

The museum receives 67,000 pupils and students on educational visits every year.

Interactive

Mr Lovett said he wanted the museum to offer a "deeper, more interactive engagement with children and students which is more challenging and more relevant to the curriculum" but which will require a much smaller and more highly-trained team of staff.

At the same time the museum, which is 98 per cent self-funded, has seen a drop in its revenue because of one of the wettest summers on record.

Mr Lovett said: "We owe it to the children and students that visit, as well as those that had the foresight to create this remarkable museum, to deliver the best possible educational services.

"These changes have the potential to put us at the forefront of heritage education in the UK. At the same time, in the face of continuing difficult economic conditions and frankly, the most

appalling summer for outdoor visitor attractions, we must adapt by reducing costs, as well making sure we are generating as much revenue as we possibly can."

The 26-acre site boasts one of the largest open-air museums in the UK. Its village spans 170 years of history from 1770 to the 1940s.

Up to 70 posts are likely to be affected including 40 casual staff working as costumed guides.

One of the 28 contracted costumed demonstrators who work on the tram, in the houses and other exhibits is also expected to be made redundant. The rest of the job losses will come from the contracted staff, including those behind-the-scenes in administrative roles.

Revamp

Mr Lovett said he was intending to revamp the scheme for schools.

But the move is likely to mean schools will not be taken around by a guide. He said: "We can engage more with the children. We're producing a lot more resources they can use to help them understand what life was like for Victorian youngsters and empathise with them."

Dudley Council's funding cut does not come into effect until next year.

Mr Lovett said: "I won't have a bad word said against them."

"They've always supported us but they have to make savings."



The Black Country Living Museum plans to cut jobs and its opening hours. Its chief executive ANDREW LOVETT explains why

What is the museum doing?

The museum is consulting with its staff about proposals concerned with enhancing the way the museum provides services for educational groups, reducing its winter opening by two days per week between November and Easter, taking steps to improve the management and results of its commercial operations and making changes to reduce management costs.

Why is the museum bringing forward these proposals?

The museum welcomes 67,000 pupils and students a year. It wants to provide educational services that reflect the quality and national significance of its recently designated collections.

The museum wants to match the best museums in the country by offering a deeper, more interactive engagement with children and students which is more challenging and relevant to the curriculum. This will require a much smaller and more highly-trained team.

At the same time, and in common with many organisations in the public and private sectors, the museum has seen a drop in its revenues during difficult economic times.

As an outdoor visitor attraction, this has been compounded by the appalling weather over the last five months. And although only

a relatively small proportion, funding from Dudley Council is also being withdrawn in 2013. To reduce costs, while maximising visitor attendance, it is proposed that the museum reduce its opening times.

It is also proposed that costumed 'positions', numbering 28, are prioritised with a view to making a reduction of one.

It also proposes to reduce management costs and improve commercial trading results.

How much does the museum cost to run? The current annual funding requirement of the museum is £3.297m per year.

How much will these proposals save? If implemented in full these proposals will reduce costs by around £250,000.

How many staff will potentially be affected? If these proposals are implemented in full and depending on how the staff affected might be resettled into different or revised roles, up to 70 people might be affected, of which approximately 40 would be the current casual team of costumed guides.

What timescale is attached to the proposals? Over a period of at least 30 days, the museum is now undertaking consultations with its staff and staff representatives. Any changes will be introduced as soon as possible following consultation.

Will the museum's programme of winter events be affected by the proposals? No. All winter events will go ahead, and visitors should not notice any change in what the museum has to offer. Tickets for the winter events are now on sale.

Teenager owns up to attack in street

A 16-YEAR-OLD has admitted an attack that left an Oldbury teenager fighting for his life in hospital.

Conor Southall was left with brain damage, which has left him struggling to walk and talk when tired, after being hit by a single punch on June 15.

The defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to unlawfully and maliciously causing grievous bodily harm at a hearing at Dudley Youth Court.

The court heard how the victim, who is also 16, was on the way home with a friend from a shop in Halesowen when he spotted three teenagers including the defendant on the other side of the road.

The trio started shouting abuse at them before the defendant walked across the road and punched the victim in the face, the court heard.

The blow from the defendant knocked him out, said Mrs Sukhi Rai, prosecuting. She said: "He was placed in a medically induced coma."

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said the defendant was "wracked with guilt" over the attack. The case has been adjourned.

Talk on life of Cadbury

THE life and times of a member of the Cadbury family will be explored when an author gives a talk at a library in Dudley.

Fiona Joseph will be at Kingswinford Library on September 25 at 7pm to talk about her new book Beatrice.

The biography tells the story of Beatrice Cadbury, a member of the family that created the world-famous chocolate dynasty.

Tickets for the event are free but people are advised to book by calling the library on 01384 812740. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.

Plan for lockers

DOZENS of lockers at Dudley's three main leisure centres are to be replaced at a cost of £14,000.

They are used in the pools at the centres in Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge.

A report, before Dudley Council says they need of replacing after five years.

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Call to be full of life at festival

THIS year's Full of Life Festival in Dudley is offering activities such as walks, cycle rides, health checks and coffee mornings.

Community groups and organisations have arranged dozens of events and activities to encourage people in later life to try something new and help them stay active and independent for longer.

The festival, organised by Dudley Council and Age UK Dudley, will run from October 1 to 5.

More than 30 events have been organised, including Latin and ballroom dancing, jewellery-making sessions, exercise classes and laughter yoga.

To find out more, people can pick up a brochure, which includes a full list of what's on, at their local library or one of five specially organised roadshows.

They will be held from 10am to 3pm at Churchill Shopping Centre on September 14, Ladies Walk in Sedgley on September 17 and finally at the Ryemarket in Stourbridge on September 19.

Councillor Steve Waltho, said: "I would encourage all of our older residents to come along."

Visit www.dudley.gov.uk or www.ageukdudley.org.uk.

Traders call for Jubilee

BUSINESSES and retailers are being invited to join in Bewdley Festival's silver jubilee celebrations.

Around 5,000 people are expected to attend October's event and organisers are appealing for shops and firms to make the most of the busy fortnight.

Spokesman Carole Swinger said: "With so many people about, there will be opportunities for businesses to boost trade."

Businesses will receive a leaflet inviting them to create offers, and will be invited to join in a window dressing competition to brighten the town during festival week, from October 5 to 14. Visit www.bewdleyfestival.org.uk

New hotel bosses

A DUDLEY hotel has made three senior appointments.

The appointments are at Village Birmingham, Dudley. The new head chef is Fayne Asson. Mark Harris is the new deputy general manager while Emma Raybould is the meetings and events manager.

Couple get pet ban after neglecting pony

A COUPLE who kept a pony in their shed without any natural light have been banned from owning pets for 10 years.

The two-year-old dark bay cob was found emaciated by RSPCA inspectors in the garden of Lisa and Wayne Badgers' former home in Nelson Street, Dudley.

The pony, which had been bought by the couple for their children, had been living in the shed and had been fed on a diet of vegetables for at least four weeks.

Both Mrs Badger, aged 31, and

Mr Badger, 28, who now live in Pens Crescent, Brierley Hill, had pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to an animal and failing to take reasonable steps to ensure its needs.

The RSPCA were called to the couple's former home on February 20 following a tip-off, Dudley Magistrates' Court heard.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said: "An inspector called round and was shown through the house to the garden where there was a garden area

with rubbish and a shed. "Inside the shed was the pony. It was emaciated, it's back bone clearly visible. It was dirty and lice infested. The shed had no natural light and on the floor there was a bowl with vegetables in it."

Mr Badger was cautioned by the inspector but two days later the RSPCA returned to find the pony in exactly the same state. The animal was seized and taken to a vet where it was treated.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson banned the pair from owning

animals for 10 years and ordered them to pay £1,150 in vets and court costs. The pair were also given a 12-month supervision order.

The judge said: "Every young girl wants a pony, but everyone knows that they are expensive and that they have complex needs. But you put one into a back yard and took little care of it."

"Naively, you tried to provide the horse with food and water, but you were totally ill-equipped to deal with the animal."



The pony which was kept in the garden

Gym on fundraising mission as it looks for a new home



Gymnast Kristian Thomas

A FUNDRAISING drive is being launched to find a new home for the gym which set Olympic star Kristian Thomas on his road to glory – as bosses have earmarked a potential site.

The Earls Gymnastics Club, Halesowen wants to raise £500,000 to find a 10,000 sq ft base. The club, where the London 2012 bronze medalist trains every week, is struggling to make ends meet.

It has nearly 400 youngsters on the waiting list as the current premises at the Earls High School in Furnace Lane are too small.

The former Sons of Rest building in Huntingtree Road has been singled out as a suitable site which could be built on and extended.

The campaign is being run by ward councillor Ken Turner, who will lead talks with Dudley Council in the coming weeks.

Just two weeks ago the club secured a £10,000 grant from the authority to pay for outdated equipment to be replaced.

Since then another £4,000 of donations have flooded in from residents and businesses.

Grateful

The club is struggling to pay its £28,500 a year rent so it is hoped buying a new site would secure its future.

Club chairman John Caulwell said: "It would be great to find new premises and we are grateful for all the help we can get."

Five coaches have already been laid off this year as the £100,000-a-year running costs are paid solely from membership fees as the club receives no other grants from the council or sports bodies.

Kristian, aged 23, of Wednesfield, helped win Great Britain's first medal in the team event for a century when they grabbed bronze at London 2012.

Sport nominations

WYRE Forest District Council wants nominations for community sporting heroes to honour their contribution to the area.

The council will hold the 2012 Wyre Forest Sports Awards on October 24 at the Forest Glades Leisure Centre, Kidderminster. Visit www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Glass Cone tearooms reopen



Service with a smile from Donna Bosworth, James Shields and Terri Clements, who are new tenants at the tea rooms at Red House Glass Cone, Wordsley

NEW tenants at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone have reopened its tea rooms, turning the building back into a period café.

The waterside tea rooms reopened at the start of the month and are open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Dudley Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "It's fantastic to have the tea rooms open again. This is a great addition to the craft tenants

based at the cone and makes it a really lovely venue for a day out, both for visitors to the area and also for local residents."

It is hoped the reopening of the tea room will boost the number of visitors to the cone.

The tenants include a ceramicist, clock-maker, artist and picture framer, glass engraver, glass lampworker and a fused glass artist.

NEWS in brief

Collie is injured by house burglar

A DOG was left badly injured after being attacked by a burglar when the animal tried to defend its owner's property.

Police are appealing for witnesses and information after the raid, in Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove on September 2.

Intruders broke into the house between 5.15pm and 7.15pm and stole cash taken from a purse.

Witnesses should call De Adrian Smith on the non-emergency number 101, quoting incident 611-S-020912.

Two are charged after raiding shop

A 19-YEAR-OLD man and a boy of 16 have been charged with a burglary at WH Smith in Kidderminster town centre.

They were arrested when police responded to an alarm at the store in Vicar Street at 9.15pm on Sunday.

Both have been charged with burglary and stealing an MP4 box and DVD cases. The 19-year-old has also been charged with burgling a home in Kidderminster.

Vote reminder for police ballot

WYRE Forest residents are reminded to cast their vote in the first Police and Crime Commissioner elections in November.

Residents in the district who want to vote on November 15. The deadline is 5pm on October 31. The application form is available on 01562 732928, by emailing electoral@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or by downloading it from www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk.

Recycling firm to send in proposals

THE company behind a proposed waste recycling plant for Brierley Hill says it will be submitting a planning application soon.

Clean Power says the plant, which would be built on disused land off Moor Street, would provide enough power for up to 8,000 homes. It would bring in waste and turn it into power. It would also create 30 jobs.

Rewards seminar

THE Employment Breakfast Club, run by Dudley solicitors Waldrons, is running a seminar on rewarding workers, on September 13 at the Brambles, Dudley. Email j.pitt@waldrons.co.uk

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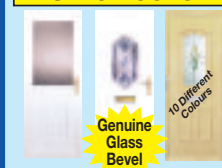
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NEWS

Mother gets suspended term for £100,000 fraud

A MOTHER-of-three claimed more than £100,000 in benefits over nine years after failing to tell the authorities her partner was living at the same address, a court heard.

Alice Gough received a total of £101,198 in income support, housing and council tax benefit, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told yesterday.

The 39-year-old, who is expecting another child next year, did not inform the authorities she was living with her partner during the period. She claimed income support between March 28, 2002 and June 23, 2011.

There were claims for housing and council tax benefit between April, 2004 and June, 2011, the court was told.

Gough, of Marigold Crescent, Dudley, was given a 12-month jail term suspended for 24 months and ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work. She was also placed under supervision.

Judge Helen Hughes said there "may be criticism for being lenient" but she had taken into account Gough was the primary carer of her three children with another one on the way. Gough, who works as a part-time carer, pleaded guilty to two charges of dishonestly failing to notify a change in circumstances at a hearing on August 9 - when she had been due to stand trial.

Miss Laura Culley, prosecuting, said investigations had revealed she used her partner had put down the same address when registering the children.

Mr Andrew Wallace, defending, said: "She is of previous good character and is the primary carer for her children."

Meal has a sting in the tale



Senior keeper Laura Robbins feeds the rare Rothschild giraffes nettles

CHEWING on nettles may sound painful but giraffes at Dudley Zoo cannot get enough of them.

Rare Rothschild giraffes, nine-year-old male Kubwa, eight-year-old female Mia, and younger female, Josie, aged three, are enjoying generous servings of fresh nettles.

They are mixed up with their regular meals of lucerne - a high protein feed

which the animals eat as a staple diet. Giraffes have a reinforced mouth and tongue so are not stung by the plants.

Assistant curator Richard Brown said nettles were a very healthy food for the giraffes, as the plant has a high concentration of vitamin C.

He said: "The giraffes really enjoy eating nettles, it is one of their favourite foods."

Bookies revamp planned

A BOOKIES in Stourbridge has revealed plans to refurbish its High Street shop.

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LETTERS

Town looks dirty and neglected

FURTHER to the letter concerning the very poor state of some of the buildings in Dudley town, in particular the Co-op building, I would like to add that many shop fronts and other premises are filthy dirty, mostly near pavement level.

This applies to both occupied and empty premises with the empty Millets shop a positive health hazard.

Also, the pavements are filthy dirty and covered with stale cigarette ends. Weeds also abound and the raised concrete flower beds are dreadful.

Why isn't the council demanding bet-

ter standards? According to national statistics Dudley is the worst medium sized town in the country for empty shops.

How can new shop owners be attracted to a dirty neglected town?

All we keep being told is what the council intends to do when it secures funding.

Well, how about cleaning and smartening up what we've already got! Apparently nine council bosses are on a salary of more than £100,000 a year, so why is Dudley in this state?

Also, it's not only the town that's

neglected. For instance, the rusty dreadful state of the railings around the borough cemetery at Queen's Cross must also make it the worst in the country. The cemetery itself is very well kept, so why this neglect?

Local councillors need to be more pro-active because compared with pristine flower-bedded Stourbridge, the state of Dudley, which was recently voted the capital of the Black Country, is unacceptable to all residents, shoppers and visitors alike.

M GILL
Marmion Grove, Dudley

Thanks to Phyllis for wonderful memorial

RE: ROYAL Navy Memorial at National Memorial Arboretum.

I wish to say many thanks to Phyllis Coyle for the wonderful memorial to her late husband and all those who served on the convoys to Russia in the Second World War, recently unveiled at Alrewas.

My father, Len Auckland, served on those as a gunner and was sunk twice, the last time spending some seven days in a life boat and ending up in a Russian hospital suffering from frost bite.

My father died in 1978, but we will never know the extreme conditions he and the others who served had to face.

I will be going in the very near future to see the memorial and would thank Mrs Coyle again for the provision of such a tribute to those brave men.

GINA COWLEY
William Kerr Road
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LETTERS to the Editor

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I WOULD like to say how pleased and happy I was after a recent stay in the Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

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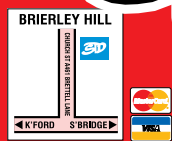
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NEWS

Care trust reports £5.9m surplus before handover

DUDLEY Primary Care Trust has reported a healthy £5.9 million surplus as it prepares to hand over management of the borough's healthcare.

Doctors on the Clinical Commissioning Group will take over the purse strings in April. But Gill Cooper, chairman of the Black Country Cluster, speaking at the trust's final annual meeting, warned of "huge challenges" ahead.

She said the financial challenges facing the NHS were greater than ever before and tough decisions would be necessary.

"There will be very difficult decisions to make about what we can provide and what we cannot provide," Ms Cooper said.

Dr Jas Rathore, clinical executive for Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, said among the issues to be tackled was the nine-year gap in life expectancy between the most deprived and most affluent areas.

Finance director James Green told how a total of £9.7 million had been saved through a variety of schemes by the former Dudley PCT during the year, including £2.7m by cutting management costs and £1.7m through better prescribing of drugs.

Rob Bacon, chief executive of the Black Country Cluster, said challenges for the CCG included a continued need for efficiency, while at the same time grasping advances in medical care, such as telehealth.

"They've got huge challenges ahead of them, with an ageing population, increasing numbers with long-term conditions and more people with multiple health issues," he said.

Parking charges review

PARKING charges at council-owned car parks in Dudley are being reviewed with leaders warning the prices could go up, as well as down.

Ahead of next year's budget, officers at Dudley Council are looking into the price of parking in the borough.

Mark has wright stuff



New wheelwright apprentice Mark Clements is given a turn by Ced Lewis

A VETERAN wheelwright who is one of the few to still practice the ancient tradition has found a new apprentice to help keep the craft alive for future generations.

Ced Lewis, aged 83, from Penn, Wolverhampton, has been volunteering at Worcestershire County Museum, Hartlebury near Kidder-

minster for more than 20 years.

But after celebrating his 83rd birthday in February, he decided it was the right time to find an apprentice to work beside him to learn the craft.

He took on Mark Clements, aged 51, of Lickey Hills, after receiving 10 applications.

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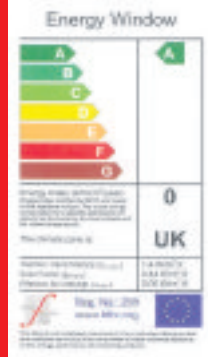
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NEWS

Gang of youths threaten disabled woman in alley

Matt hands out awards



Ex-Wolves goalkeeper Matt Murray presents learning awards to students
FORMER Wolves goalkeeper Matt Murray presented certificates and awards to a group of teenagers in Brierley Hill.

The 6ft 5in ex-player towered above around 40 excited youngsters, aged 16 to 18, who had gathered to collect their qualifications from the XL foundation learning project. They were among more than 90

trainees who had passed their course in maths, English and ICT. Matt, aged 31, said: "I've been speaking to some of the youngsters and they've really enjoyed it."

The XL course, run by the Juniper training company at The Waterfront, Brierley Hill, is aimed at young people who are not in education, employment or training.

A DISABLED woman was threatened by teenagers who surrounded her mobility scooter and demanded cash – until a good Samaritan intervened.

The three youths, all on bicycles, stopped the 33-year-old woman in an alleyway near to Mary Stevens Park, Norton, Stourbridge, and asked her for cash.

Luckily, a witness driving along nearby Fredericks Close saw the confrontation and stepped in. Police are appealing for witnesses following the incident, which happened at 2.30pm on August 31 as the woman drove her scooter along an alleyway from Norton Road.

De Nick Slyn, of Dudley CID, said: "The group, who were all male, surrounded the woman, threatened her. Thankfully a witness was driving down Fredericks Close, saw the confrontation and intervened."

"The group then rode off in the direction of Mary Stevens Park."

De Slyn said the man driving by "spooked" the trio when he stopped his car.

Police have released a description of two of the youths. One was a black male, aged between 15 and 16 and 5ft 6ins. He had very short black hair with a scar above his right eyebrow. He was wearing a dark grey zip up hoodie, blue baggy jeans and was riding a dark green metallic BMX bike with black wording. A second youth was white, aged between 15 and 16, with dark brown shoulder length hair and wearing a black baseball cap with a white NY logo on the front. Call Dudley CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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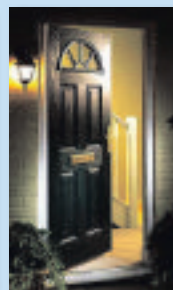
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NEWS

Shoppers demanding a change to revive towns

SHOPPERS in Dudley and Brierley Hill are demanding smarter town centres, free parking and lower shop rents to help revive the high streets.

They have responded to the latest survey that claimed the two towns as among the worst in the country for the number of empty shops.

Dudley was ranked the poorest performing medium-sized town with 32.4 per cent of shops empty. Brierley Hill came fourth in the list of worst performing small towns with 29.6 per cent of retail units vacant.

In Dudley, unemployed grandmother Tracey Liebenrood, aged 42, of Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, said a "better variety of shops" was needed to attract more people.

She added: "There are too many of the same kind of shops, and many people are ditching the town centre for places like Merry Hill."

Unemployed Warren Clayton, 45, of Shaw Road, Dudley said: "The place could be tidier, the High Street has definitely gone downhill in recent years."

"We could do with more features too and the rents could be reduced to help the businesses stay open."

Retired tanker driver Harry Vernon, 76, of Dean Court, Brierley Hill, said free parking would "benefit the town", and retired tyre maker Fred Staite, 63, of Allan Close, Brierley Hill, said the town was "dying".

He added: "There are so many closures I just can't help think can't the rents be lowered to help."

Carpet firm chiefs culled

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Couple's rude awakening



Keith and Sarah Coley by their narrowboat, The Maverick Water Gypsy

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The couple, who married on September 1, had their rude awakening while moored next to the former Stuart Crystal glassworks, by the Red House cone at Wordsley.

"I literally fell out of bed," said Keith, aged 47, a self-employed

artist. We realised the bed was on a tilt and I rolled out at about 8.30am.

"When I went out to check I realised there was no water in the canal." Keith and 42-year-old shop worker Sarah, who wed at Birmingham Register Office, live aboard Maverick Water Gypsy, a 45ft narrow boat.

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NEWS

Shooting club could be forced to boost security

A NIGHTCLUB in Dudley where a man was shot could be forced to tighten up security when its licence is reviewed at a meeting of council chiefs.

Hustlers in King Street, was closed for 24 hours after a man was hit in the arm in the crowded club in June.

Following its reopening, police called for a review of the premise licence on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder. On Tuesday, Dudley councillors were due to review the licence and will have the power to modify, suspend and even revoke it.

West Midlands Police spokesman Gina Lycett said: "The request for the review comes following the shooting at the nightclub on June 23. We are not asking for the club to lose its licence, we are asking the owners to tighten up the conditions over security."

"It relates to improved CCTV coverage, registered door staff and signage outside the club."

The licensing committee, headed by Councillor Hilary Bills, will have a range of options available to them after hearing from the police and the club's owner Mr Khan.

The nightclub, which also serves as an American pool bar, currently has a licence to open for sporting and music events with the sale of alcohol from 9am to 4am, Monday to Sunday. However, its current opening times are 11am to 11.30pm, Sunday to Wednesday, 11am to 12.30am on Thursday and 11am to 4am, Friday and Saturday.

Attempts to contact the nightclub owners for a comment, were unsuccessful.

Help for mothers-to-be

EXPECTANT parents can get free advice at an event at Kidderminster Library, Worcestershire County Council's Family Information Service is running the session, for pregnant women and their partners. The Kidderminster session will be held on September 18 at 6.30pm.

Bike and the mechanic



Steven Willetts who is heading to John O'Groats for charity

A CAR mechanic has set off on a cycling challenge from Land's End to John O'Groats as a tribute to his late father.

Steven Willetts of Dudley, will begin his journey at the weekend and hopes to complete it in 13 days.

The 35-year-old father-of-one plans to cycle around 70 miles each day and has already raised £1,500

for the Alzheimer's Society. Mr Willetts' father, David, who died at the age of 66 last year, had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease six years earlier.

Mr Willetts said: "It was very tough to watch what it did to him." To sponsor Steven log on to www.justgiving.com/steven-willetts307

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Campaigners keeping up battle over gallery threat

CAMPAIGNERS vowed to continue their fight to save Kidderminster Library's closure-threatened gallery as the council launched a second consultation on its future.

Members of the Friends of Kidderminster Library gathered last week to discuss how to move forward in their bid to stop the arts and performance space from being scrapped. Worcestershire County Council wants to move around 130 workers into the gallery on the second floor of the library instead.

When the move was first announced four months ago, arts and music groups in the town protested, prompting the council to put the plans on hold.

But designs have now been drawn up for

two new options for the library and residents are being asked for their views.

Option A would still see the second floor converted into offices but a smaller gallery with meeting rooms would be created on the first floor. The Steinway grand piano would be moved to the Corn Exchange next to Kidderminster Town Hall.

Option B would see the gallery remain on the second floor but part of the room would be turned into offices. More offices would also be provided on the first floor. It has not been decided what would happen to the piano under this option. At a recent meeting the Friends agreed to write to the council to say they did not approve of Option A or any option which would see the piano move out of the library.

SVR to launch £3m shares

A £3 MILLION share offer will be launched by the Severn Valley Railway to pay for a new visitor centre and to bring a historic locomotive back into use.

Railway chiefs want to raise the money to build the centre, station gateway and spectator gallery at Bridgnorth railway station and to create a heritage engineering and building training academy.

Further ideas include restoring the Hagley Hall locomotive - which has not worked for more than 23 years - and carrying out further maintenance to the line and its infrastructure to preserve it for decades to come. From

October 1, three million shares priced at £1 each will be on offer, giving enthusiasts the chance to own a part of the railway. A launch event will also be held on October 13 and 14 at a members' and shareholders' weekend.

Anniversary

It comes as bosses at the railway celebrate the line's 150th anniversary this year, while 2015 will be the 50th anniversary of the launch of a campaign to bring the line back into use.

A spokesman for the SVR said: "To mark the 150th anniversary of the line, Severn Valley Railway is launching a share issue in October which will give anyone with a keen interest in the railway the opportunity to own

part of a growing national treasure."

He said the aim was to provide investment in visitor amenities, rolling stock and infrastructure, including the creation of a heritage engineering and building training academy for young people.

"The next major milestone in the history of the railway will be our golden jubilee in 2015 marking 50 years since the start of the campaign to reopen the line as a heritage railway."

"Feedback from shareholders, supporters and volunteers suggests that the time is right for the board to embark on a major investment programme to prepare the railway for the next 50 years."

Aldi taking on youths

ELEVEN teenagers have been signed up as apprentices at supermarket chain Aldi following a recruitment campaign run by a Black Country college.

Stourbridge College's Black Country Skills Shop launched the scheme in March and targeted school leavers interested in pursuing a career in retail management.

They will work across 19 stores covering the Black Country, Worcestershire and Shropshire after bosses received 980 applications.

Skills shop staff whittled the numbers down to the last 50.

Petition sent in to combat speeding



County councillor John Thomas, resident Ray Kilgour and county councillor Ken Henderson with the petition

A PETITION calling for the speed limit to be slashed on a busy road near a Stourport school has been presented to council chiefs.

Around 260 people have backed the campaign launched by resident Ray Kilgour who is concerned about the number of cars ignoring the 30mph limit in Princess Way, Areley Kings. He wants the county council to introduce a 20mph limit by St Bartholomew's Primary School. County councillor John Thomas has been given the petition and will take it to County Hall.

Worcestershire's transport chief Councillor John Smith has pledged to look into the situation and see what can be done to make it safer for schoolchildren.

Mr Kilgour, aged 75, who has lived in Princess Way for more than 30 years, has branded the road as "an accident waiting to happen".

"I am worried someone is going to get badly hurt if something is not done to stop people speeding."

"The speed of the traffic is out of this world. Reducing the speed limit would force people to slow down."

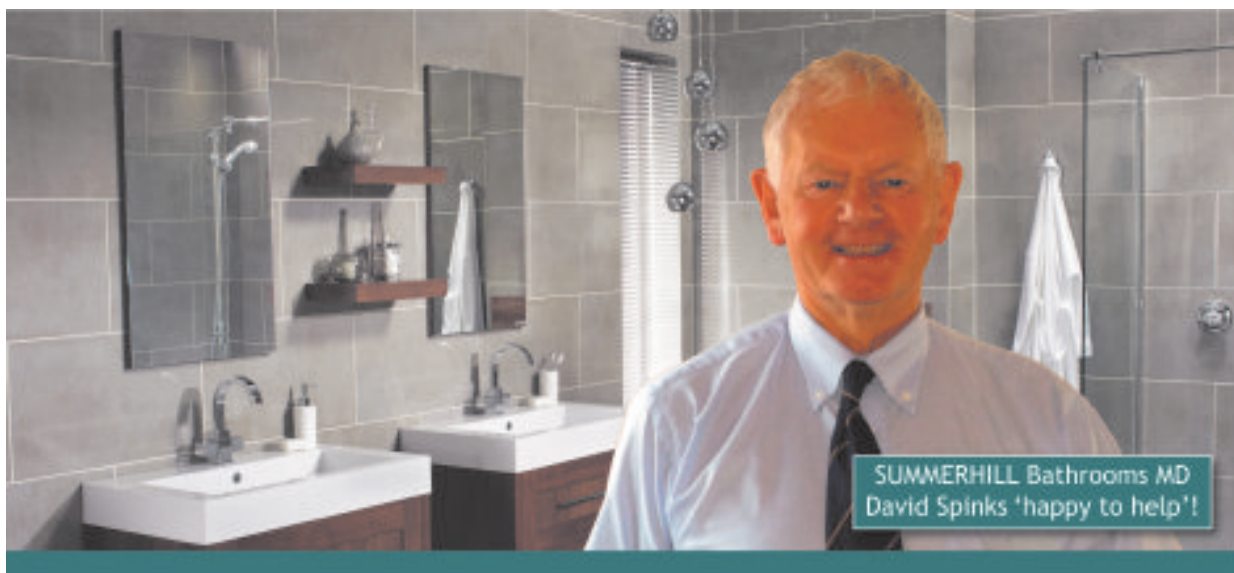
His campaign has been backed by Stourport town councillor Ken Henderson.

"Speeding is a big problem in Areley Kings but it is particularly worrying in Princess Way because of the school."

"Full credit to Mr Kilgour for going out on the streets and collecting the signatures," said Councillor Henderson.

Councillor Smith, who is Worcestershire County Council's cabinet member for transport, has said he will look into Mr Kilgour's concerns.

"We will certainly take a look at what is happening there and look at the speed of the traffic and the amount of traffic using the road to see if a 20mph limit is appropriate."



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NEWS

Buyer finally found for eyesore memorial club

A FORMER war memorial club in Stourbridge which has become an eyesore after standing empty for more than a decade, has been sold.

Stourbridge War Memorial Club, Ambleside High Street, has been on the market for years and the building has become dilapidated through vandalism, fire and weather. The Lee, Shaw Partnership said a sale had now been agreed for the site. Officials said the sale was "progressing well" and no further negotiations were expected at the present time.

The deal is expected to be finalised soon. Sold signs have now gone up outside the building but the agents refused to comment on whether the site had been sold to an individual or a company.

They said at present it was not clear what future plans for the site would be.

Residents have been calling for action to clean up the site for years saying the building has become an eyesore on one of the main routes into Stourbridge town centre.

It is not the first time sold signs have been put up at the building this year. A sale was agreed in April this year but fell through less than a month later.

Plans were also submitted in 2009 to turn the site into a restaurant and cabaret but the scheme floundered over traffic concerns.

Spokesman Jo Walford said: "A sale has now been agreed for the former war memorial club and everything is progressing well at the present time."

"There has been a lot of interest expressed in the site."

Charity coffee morning

A CHARITY coffee morning to raise money for cancer care is being held in Bewdley.

The event is part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event will be on September 27 between 10am and 12.30pm at Bewdley Baptist Church, Load Street.

Band heads for finals



The Concept band members Richard Jevons, Simon Hill, Dino Franchi, Aidan Underhill and Nathan Tipton are in the finals of a competition

A ROCK band from the Black Country are vying for a place on a national tour and a recording contract as they reach the final of an international competition.

The Concept will battle it out with 27 other groups at the final of the Surface Unsigned contest at the Indigo 2 in London's O2 Arena. It is the fifth and final round of the com-

petition with £100,000 of prizes up for grabs. The five students, who come from Wolverhampton, Quarry Bank, Kingswinford, Wollaston and Nottingham, only formed 10 months ago after meeting at Wolverhampton University.

They describe their music as "melodic pop rock" and write their own songs.

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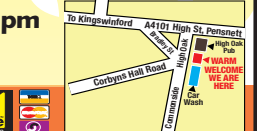
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NEWS

DIY shopkeeper Kathy loses battle with cancer

A FORMER shopkeeper has died at the age of 74 following a 12-month battle with cancer.

Kathleen Price, who was known as Kathy, and her husband Bryan ran a DIY store in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, for more than 25 years. Mrs Price, of Mount Street, Wolverhampton, was diagnosed with cancer last September.

Her niece said she had been "very positive" in her approach to dealing with the disease.

"She knew she couldn't beat it but was very positive about it," said niece Karen Jones, aged 54, of Tansley Hill Road, Dudley. "She was bubbly and outgoing and it's so sad she has lost her fight with cancer because she had so much to live for."

Mrs Price and her husband, now 77, retired from their shop Bryan Price Do It Yourself in 1986.

"There was nothing you couldn't buy there and my aunt was very much involved in running the shop, while my uncle did all the fetching and carrying," said Mrs Jones.

The couple have no children but Mrs Jones said her aunt "lived for" her husband and their two corgi dogs.

Mrs Price, who was born in Corporation Road, Dudley, and was one of 13 children of Bertha and Jim Waterfield, died on August 20 in New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

The funeral will be held at Our Blessed Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church in St Joseph Street, Dudley, on September 13, at 10.15am.

JB's ex-owner lost £1m

THE former owner of legendary rock club JB's said he has lost up to £1 million after the venue entered administration.

Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant, U2 and The Stone Roses all played gigs at the Dudley club.

But the writing was on the wall for JB's, which had been in the town for 42 years, when it entered administration in 2010. Sam Jukes, who established the club and was in charge until its final night last January, is still reeling from the huge losses.

He said: "The building was sold for £225,000 but really it was worth two or three times that, plus there was all the

equipment. It is just a shame that it took this recession to hit and kill us off after all these years. It cost me a few hundred thousand pounds, maybe up to £1m."

Mr Jukes, aged 66, of Tipton, said the downfall of JB's reflected the hit the industry took by the recession in general.

Recession

He established club nights at the old bar at Dudley Town's former ground in 1969 before the original JB's club opened in King Street.

"All of it is the result of the bad recession which has affected a lot of people and we were not immune from that," he said. "I was not a magician but at the end of the day there have been a lot

of other venues that have gone the same way so what can you do?"

JB's is now owned by businessman Ramesh Kumar Ahir, who took over in October and pumped in cash to set about transforming the club.

The new look JB's was revealed last week. It has been restored and modernised.

Gone is the atmospheric, dimly-lit rock club, with its brick and wood bar, tiered flooring down to the dance floor and rudimentary seating around the edges.

In its place are a stylish contemporary dining and dance area with a chess board-effect dance floor and white-covered chairs tied up with fancy red bows.

Attack man left bruised

A MAN was left with swelling and bruising after he was assaulted in Kidderminster.

The victim was attacked near the new Tesco supermarket in Stourbridge Road.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the assault, which happened at 4.10pm on September 1. Pc Russell Bunce said: "I would appeal for anyone who saw an altercation between two white men - one in his 20s and the other his late teens - in the area of Springfield Lane at the time, to call us."

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Kieran impresses coaching selectors



Stourbridge's Kieran Morris, aged 17, has been selected for under-18s national football training

A STUDENT was selected for a national summer coaching course, which kicked off in Derby.

Kieran Morris, aged 17, was picked for under-18s training run by the English Schools' Football Association.

He is studying for a BTEC extended diploma in sport at Stourbridge College's Hagley Road campus.

He said: "I play football for the West Midlands County, which is how I got selected, and attending the summer coaching course was a great opportunity for me to develop my skills and improve my game."

"I really enjoyed the experience and would love to do it again."

He is now waiting to hear if he will be selected for the national team.

The course lasted a week and was directed by the head coach of the England Under 18 Schoolboys, Andy Buckingham, and his team. A total of 70 under-18s took part.

Piggin' plan aims to clear foreign plants

PIGS have been drafted in to help clear an invasive plant from taking hold in woodlands at a South Staffordshire beauty spot.

They were brought in to do their bit towards ridding Kinver Edge of Himalayan Balsam. The experiment, which has seen three Hampshire sows snuffling around in the bracken, has been carried out by the National Trust.

Hay Farm Project based in Six Ashes near Kinver provided three of their sows. They have been busy eating their way through the foreign plant which experts say has come to dominate woodland and rivers, spreading quickly and destroying the habitats of local wildlife. Himalayan Balsam was introduced to the UK as an ornamental plant but can damage native grasses and flowers. The woodland at Kinver Edge is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. National Trust countryside manager Alex Morley said the work of the pigs was important for the conservation of the area.

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NEWS

Incinerator campaigners may start a legal battle

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans for a £120 million incinerator in a village near Kidderminster are looking to launch a legal bid to stop the development going ahead.

The EnviRecover plant in Hartlebury near Kidderminster would be open by late 2013 and site bosses say they hope to start building by the end of the year. The decision to approve the plans was announced by Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles.

It follows a three year fight by residents. But protesters said they have instructed a legal team to investigate if there are grounds for a judicial review in the High Court.

They were due to discuss the next plan of action at a meeting of Hartlebury Parish Council this week.

The Mercia Waste Management plant will take up to 200,000 tons of waste from Worcestershire and Herefordshire each year.

This will then be converted into up to 15.5 megawatts of electricity - enough to supply about 20,000 homes.

But the scheme, first unveiled in 2009, prompted more than 1,100 letters of objection and a petition against the plant was signed by 2,300 people.

Chairman of the campaign group, Worcestershire Residents Against Incineration and Landfill, Ray Kirby, said: "We have instructed legal counsel to ascertain if there are grounds for a judicial review. Even if we were granted a judicial review and won, there is no obligation on the Secretary of State to accept the decision. Or he could put certain conditions on the plans."

School security upgrade

A PRIMARY school in Dudley has been given the go-ahead to put up gates and high fencing around its grounds.

Newfield Park Primary School, Whittingham Road, Halesowen, has been granted permission by Dudley Council for the security measure.

Charities mark milestone



At the old Mary Stevens Maternity Home, from left, Age UK day centre manager, Margaret Farrington, Thomas Pocklington Trust development manager Ann Evett, service user Patricia Harris and chief executive of Dudley MIND Martin Mueller

STAFF at several Dudley charities are celebrating the 80th anniversary of their base by looking back on its history.

The Mary Stevens Maternity Home - now known as the Mary Stevens Centre - reaches the landmark age this month.

The building, which now houses the blind charity Pocklington Trust Resource Centre and Age UK,

served as a maternity home until 1984. It was commissioned by Mary Stevens' husband, Ernest.

In the early 1930s it was obvious there was an urgent need for a maternity home. Mr Stevens decided to demolish White Hall, which stood on the site originally, and build the home. On September 22 an anniversary coffee morning will be held from 10am to noon.

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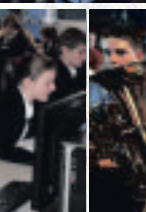
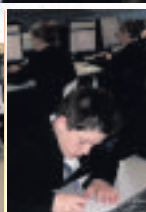
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Pilots of No 101 Squadron on a cartoon of a Sidestrand bomber



Five Overstrands of No101 Squadron in line abreast



The Boulton Paul Association's Overstrand replica which will be on show at the weekend at Halfpenny Green Airport

When aircraft advance technology was a zip

by Alec Brew

THIS Sunday (16) at the Autumn Wings and Wheels Fly-in at Halfpenny Green Airport, the Boulton Paul Association will be exhibiting a replica of the world's first aircraft gun turret in the nose of an Overstrand bomber.

Back in the early 1930s, as aircraft speeds increased, the poor old air gunners in their open cockpits were having great difficulty training their hand held guns in the 150mph slipstreams, and changing magazines with frozen fingers, sometimes dropping them overboard.

In response Boulton Paul Aircraft, then in Norwich, came up with the world's first fully-enclosed power-operated gun turret, and redesigned their Sidestrand medium bomber, replacing the open gunner's position in the nose with the new turret.

The redesigned aircraft was called the Overstrand, the two names being those of small villages in Norfolk.

The circular turret was pneumatically powered, the single Lewis gun operating a plunger on each side of

the vertical slot in which it lay, to revolve the turret in either direction.

The slot was closed by another contemporary, piece of advanced technology, a zip. As the gun was raised or lowered it automatically opened and closed the zip, keeping the gunner draught-free inside.

Badge

When the turret was locked in position, the gunner could perform his other function of bomb-aimer, opening a small window, and swinging his bomb-sight into position.

The RAF's single Sidestrand squadron, No 101, was re-equipped with the new aircraft, and as the first squadron in the World with turret-armed bombers, to this day features a 'turret' on its badge, though of the medieval castle variety.

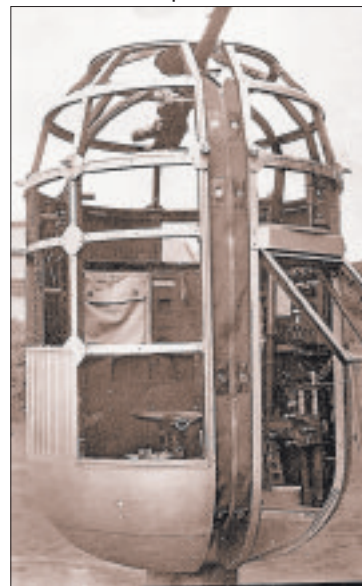
All the Overstrands were built in Norwich, but Boulton Paul did bring two of them to Wolverhampton when the company re-located, and used them for turret development work.

It had purchased the rights to a French electro-hydraulic power system for use in its subsequent turrets, like the Defiant and Roc fighters which were rolling down its production lines at the outbreak of War, and it was in the nose of an Overstrand that these turrets were first flown.

More than 20,000 Boulton Paul gun turrets were built over the next 15 years, up to and including that fitted to the nose of the famous Avro Shackleton.

Ten years ago the Boulton Paul Association set out to build a replica of this revolutionary gun turret, and the nose of an Overstrand bomber, in which to display it. It is this replica, newly completed, which will be exhibited at Cockpits West, a display of aircraft cockpits which will be one of the many attractions at the show.

Also on display will be one of Boulton Paul's Avro Lincoln tail turrets, which also equipped No 101 Squadron, 10 years after their gunners first came in out of the cold.



The Overstrand's turret, showing the zip fastener enclosing the gun-slot

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CLUB NEWS

Members told about Troop Aid

BLACKHEATH "M" TOWNSWOMEN

CHAIRMAN Doreen Armstrong opened the meeting. She welcomed all members present and the speaker for the day, Mrs A Sutton.

Reports were given by treasurer, Beryl Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmore and press secretary Iris Harris.

It was announced that guild members would be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

The monthly raffle was held by Heather Greenland and three ladies received prizes of hand towels.

At the end of guild business, the chairman introduced the speaker, whose talk was entitled "Troop Aid". It was founded in 2006 by three ex-servicemen, one of whom was Mrs Sutton's husband.

The object is to supply basic essentials to military casualties, returning from overseas after service. Grab bags containing things like toiletries, writing paper and envelopes, underwear and socks are sent to field hospitals abroad and at home including the Queen Elizabeth in Birmingham.

Ladies were very moved by the talk and were pleased to help by purchasing objects on sale. A vote of thanks was given by Iris Harris and a cheque was presented.

The next meeting will be held at 10.30am on September 26 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath.

Guests' address both uplifting and graphic



Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg of the Ifakara Bakery were the guest speakers

ONE visitor was welcomed to the August meeting at Kingswinford Community Centre.

After the reading and signing of the minutes, Enid Fennell read the Federation report in full. The various groups reported on their doings. The luncheon club venues from September until January 2013 were distributed. The Christmas luncheon, by popular request will be at Hagley Golf and Country Club.

Josie Smith was thanked for her floral

KINGSWINFORD TWG

arrangement. Speakers were Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg who gave graphic and uplifting description of the formation of the Ifakara bakery in Tanzania.

A collection was taken to aid the continuation of this splendid project and Sue Cotterell gave thanks.

Raffle winners were Barbara White, Josie Smith and Sandra Gray.

Air Ambulance talk topic

THE chairman welcomed 24 members to the August meeting.

The reading and signing of the previous meeting was followed by the financial report. Mrs Raybould was present at the recent federation meeting and gave information about it. There was no correspondence.

The social secretary gave information about the visit

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to Highgrove, to include a two-hour guided tour with time to visit the restaurant and gift shop.

The Harvest Supper is to be held on October 10 at Wollaston Community Centre. The speaker for the evening was Mr Geoff Wood-

ford, his topic "The Midlands Air Ambulance".

This is the 21st year that the Air Ambulance has been operational and every time the helicopter takes to the air it costs £2,500 and that is funded completely by voluntary contributions.

The next guild meeting will be on September 18 with a talk about being a TV extra.

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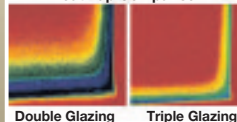
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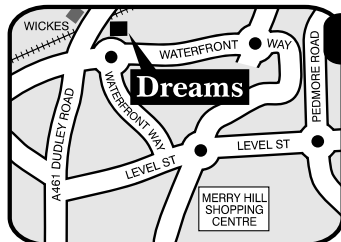
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THE WAY I SEE IT

Surgeries are so important to keep in touch with people

I ENJOYED visiting two Brierley Hill charities – Top Church Training and the Brierley Hill Project – both of which work with young people on issues including education, training and aspiration.

It was great to meet workers, volunteers and service users.

I continued on to the book launch for Brierley Hill at Work by historian Ned Williams at Bank Street Methodist Church.

Also I opened the Wall Heath Horticultural Society's 66th annual show at Wall Heath Community Centre and held a constituency advice surgery at Brierley Hill Library and another the following morning at Kingswinford Community Centre, taking my count of surgeries since being elected at the 2010 general election up to one hundred.

I have held regular surgeries across Dudley South at community centres and libraries in Kingswinford, Wordsley, Pensnett, Netherton and Brierley Hill.

Pleasingly, Dudley Council has agreed not to charge for room hire at these council owned facilities meaning not a penny has been charged to the taxpayer for me to meet with local residents as their MP.

I'm grateful to Dudley

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Council for agreeing not to charge for room hire for my constituency advice surgeries.

Indeed, it would be perverse – and an unnecessary, time-consuming additional bureaucratic process and expense – to have to claim taxpayers' money from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority to cover the cost of room hire payable to the (taxpayer funded) local authority.

Knocking

Having already held a hundred surgeries the taxpayer has been saved many thousands of pounds in room hire.

I have always enjoyed knocking on doors and talking to locals about matters of concern to them – what we political types call canvassing.

So, as soon as I was elected, the need to hold regular constituency advice surgeries to regularly meet with constituents face-to-face seemed obvious to me.

During the past couple of years I have had many memorable conversations with locals at my surgeries.

My team and I have taken-up dozens of cases.

I have dealt with everything from the most harrowing and heartbreaking of cases through to huge frustration with slow and inefficient public bureaucracies.

Also, surgeries can sometimes be emotionally draining; I have even been moved to tears by what I have seen and heard.

My proudest moment as an MP is not something I've said or done in the Commons chamber – it was the successful resolution with the council of a profoundly disabled, young constituent's case.

One of the greatest things about our democracy (which has, of course, evolved over hundreds of years) is the constituency link.

So, locals are always wel-

come to make a surgery appointment to discuss any issue with me face-to-face.

Over the past couple of years I've enjoyed many lively conversations at my surgeries.

On many occasions I've listened and not been able to disagree with a word that's been said.

The sheer, unadulterated common sense of the hard-working, law-abiding, family-oriented majority of people in the Black Country is confirmed at almost every surgery I hold.

I have for many years been a supporter of the Direct Democracy campaign to bring power and decision-making closer to people at the local level.

The main think tank behind this movement, Policy Exchange, led the way in making the case for the election of regional Police and Crime Commissioners.

Excellent

They have set-up an excellent, independent website covering the elections, which take place on Thursday 15 November, at www.PoliceElections.com

In my capacity as founder and co-chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Combating Metal Theft I wrote an article for the popular ConservativeHome website (which can be read on my website) about the legislation currently before parliament to curb this crime.



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Rider hurt in 100ft plunge

A MAN was injured after he lost control of his motorbike and fell down a steep embankment in Dudley.

Emergency services were called to help the rider, who is believed to have fallen about 100ft.

It is understood the man, who was in his 30s had been riding in Wrens Nest National Nature Reserve when the accident happened. Firefighters were called to help paramedics lift the man to safety. Watch commander Lee Wilson said: "It was a case of carrying him out as best we could. It's not clear how it happened. He was in a bad way." He suffered back, neck and chest injuries and was transported to Russels Halls Hospital.

The man was fully immobilised before being placed on to an all-terrain vehicle.

Firebugs thought to be behind blaze that scorched 74 acres

A FIRE thought to be the work of arsonists destroyed around 74 acres of wheat and straw.

More than 60 firefighters battled the grass fire on land near to Himley Hall, Himley near Dudley which is believed to have been started deliberately. It began just before 4.30pm on Sunday and strong winds caused it to spread rapidly. There were initially concerns that nearby buildings where dozens of game birds are bred could be under threat.

Crews asked for tractors to be put on standby in the eventuality trenches would need to be dug

to stop the flames spreading. But they managed to get it under control.

Incident commander Mick Archer said: "This was potentially very serious but, because of the large number of resources at our disposal, we were able to deal with it in a quick and efficient manner."

"The grass had recently been cut and it was a hot day so it flashed across very quickly. The biggest issue was the wind." The fire was eventually brought under control by 7pm.

Mr Archer added: "We believe it may have been started deliberately but investigations are ongoing."



A lone firefighter on the burned landscape

Probation sites closure plans

THREE of Dudley's probation offices will close under plans to build a new two-storey headquarters for around 80 staff.

The workers, based in Dudley, Stourbridge, Netherton and Halesowen will move into the base at Castlegate Business Park.

The offices, run by Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust in Stourbridge, Netherton and Halesowen will shut.

While offender management staff based at Dudley Magistrates' Court will also relocate to the new building. A planning application has been submitted to Dudley Council by developer Stoford, contracted by the Ministry of Justice.

Once planning permission has been granted, work on the scheme can start. Construction is expected to end by September 2013.

Something worth shouting about



Town crier Peter Taunton on the carousel at an annual celebration in Netherton

MORE than 2,000 people attended an annual celebration in Netherton held to raise the town's profile.

Now in its fifth year, the event at the weekend had a Victorian Olympics theme. Entertainment at Netherton Arts Centre and the Savoy Centre in Northfield Road included street performers, funfair attractions and live music.

There was a glass blowing demonstration, dance performances and 29 stalls selling everything from books, to craft items and jewellery.

Other highlights included Olympic sport displays, Morris dancers and penny farthing riders.

"It's been really good," said Netherton Arts Centre's strategic manager Claire Starmar. "I would say it's been as popular as previous years."

"Last time we had a bumper year because we had a replica of the Titanic anchored installed. You can't really compare it with that. But we've had about as many people."

Cyclists to pedal 270 miles for firefighters

CYCLISTS from the fire service will ride 270 miles for charity starting in Wyre Forest. The riders will aim to visit all 27 fire stations in the Hereford and Worcester service area.

The team includes capital projects manager Alan Jones and station commander Phil Griffiths, both based at fire service headquarters in Worcester, plus crew commander Tom Houghton, based at Worcester Fire Station.

They start from Stourport at 6am on September 14 and ending their ride in Hereford at around 1pm the following day.

Project manager Sarah Sanderson will accompany them in a support vehicle over the two-days.

The team is hoping to raise money for the Fire Fighters Charity and St Richard's Hospice in Worcester, as they complete their ride.

Mr Griffiths said: "We will be in Worcestershire until early afternoon on Friday, and then in Herefordshire on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, with plans to cycle into Hereford to join the Open Day at Hereford Fire Station early afternoon."

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Searching for young talent

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An audition will take place at the Rose Theatre in Kidderminster on October 13 in front of judges and the best entries will go through to boot camps where they will be put through their paces by industry experts.

Practical advice and support will be available along the way and those who are successful will take part in the Grand Final on November 2 at the Artrix in Bromsgrove.

To find out more or to book an audition you can visit www.popicons.org or call/text 07583 202 203.

Only 39 out of 200 attacks on ambulance staff end in court

STAFF at the region's ambulance service suffered more than 200 physical assaults in a year – but only 19 per cent resulted in a prosecution.

Crews at West Midlands Ambulance came under attack 210 times while responding to calls during the 2011/12 financial year.

There were also 381 reported cases of verbal threats and abuse made against ambulance staff during the same period. But following the physical attacks, the service managed to get only 39 of the incidents to court for prosecutions.

The service said 42 were down to patient clinical or mental health issues where staff asked for no further action.

Regional head of security and safety, Steve Elliker said: "The trust continues to pursue criminal prosecutions against individuals who physically assault staff. It remains hugely disappointing that any of our staff should have to suffer from violence or abuse when they are trying to help patients."

"The trust has a zero tolerance policy in place and works extremely hard to bring the full weight of the law to bear on anyone who attacks our staff."

He added: "It is completely unacceptable that ambulance staff, who are responding to help people in their hour of need, should have to face violence and verbal abuse."

Unison branch secretary for West Midlands Ambulance Service, Peter Green, said: "It is disappointing more incidents do not lead to a criminal prosecution, but quite often this is difficult to do. Incidents may not always have a witness, could involve a mental patient and may be reported too late."

The number of physical attacks in 2011-12 rose slightly from 2010-11, when there were 175 reported incidents.

Of these, 30 resulted in a prosecution.

Safety warning over real fires

FIRE service chiefs in Worcestershire have warned residents to take care when using wood-burning fires in their homes as autumn approaches.

Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service says residents should always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers.

They should also make sure embers are properly put out before they go to bed, and keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained.

Tony Richardson, community safety watch commander, said: "With the colder winter months looming, people will soon be starting to light fires and use their chimneys again." He urged people to have their chimneys and wood burners swept regularly and ensure they have working smoke alarms.

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Karate crew kick up a storm at contest



Daniel Read with, front left, Ben Davies, Mandie Read, Vanessa Stokes and Sab Lally pick up their medals at the WUKO European karate championships

FIVE black belt martial artists from Dudley are celebrating after winning medals in a European karate competition. Vanessa Stokes, Mandie Read, Daniel Read, Ben Davies and Sab Lally competed in the WUKO European Championships.

They fought their way to success – picking up 12 medals between them, including five golds.

The quintet are members of Dudley Shukokai Karate Club and train at Thorns Community Centre in Quarry Bank three times a week.

They were part of a team chosen to represent England by the Federation of English Karate Organisations.

Mrs Stokes, aged 37, who lives near Buffery Park in Dudley, said: "We're obviously really really pleased. It's great for the club because we all won a medal."

"We were really pleased firstly to be chosen to represent the federation and secondly to do them proud by coming back having done so well."

Anyone interested in joining the club should call 07979 461229.

One-way system to go after campaign

A CONTROVERSIAL one-way system in Dudley that caused an outcry from residents over claims they were not consulted by the council, is set to finally be scrapped within weeks.

Dudley Council transport chiefs agreed earlier this year to make Parkway Road two-way again after a campaign from locals who claimed the new system was causing chaos. They are now finalising their plans before the changes are finalised. The work will cost £9,000.

More than 400 residents signed a petition and complained to the Local Government Ombudsman, claiming they had not been consulted on the changes.

Parkway Road was made one-way in January 2011 after some residents complained it was being used as a rat run.

They claim emergency vehicles struggled to get through the heavy traffic at peak times. Bill Chambers, aged 75, of Fullbrook Road wrote to the ombudsman claiming the views of residents were not taken into account before the road was made one-way. A report says a safety audit carried out highlighted a visibility issue when exiting from Parkway Road into Himley Road and it was recommended that if the one-way system were to be removed the right turn into Himley Road from Parkway Road be prohibited.

What's On! Dudley

Narrowboats are lining up for event

AROUND 100 narrowboats will line the waterways near a Dudley beauty spot for a boating festival.

The 27th Black Country Boating Festival takes place at Bumble Hole Nature Reserve, Windmill End, Dudley, on Saturday (15) and Sunday.

The event regularly attracts more than 18,000 visitors to see boats travelling from across the country.

Canalside entertainment on the day includes a real ale bar.

Events run from 10am to 5pm on both days with free admission.

Three days of the golden steam age

A THREE-day event will feature trains from the golden age of steam at Severn Valley Railway.

SVR will host its Autumn Steam Gala on September 21 to 23.

Visitors will be able to see and take a ride on trains – including a restored engine withdrawn from service in 1965 and an engine built in 1899. Tickets are available for a one, two and three day freedom of the line. For more information, or to book, log on to the website at www.svr.co.uk or call 01299 403816.

Swinging time

CHRIS Smith's Five-Star Swing Band will play at Dudley Town Hall on September 18. The group will play songs by artists such as Glenn Miller starting at 2pm and tickets are £11, from 01384 812812.

It's rock 'n' droll to a D as comedy duo continue quest

RIFFS and laughs will rock a sold out Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month when Hollywood movie star and comedy hero Jack Black is reunited with his comic buddy Kyle Gass for the return of their rock 'n' roll band Tenacious D.

The D are back on the road with the release of their first studio album in more than six years, *Rize of the Fenix*, after a storming performance at the Download Festival in June.

Killers gigs for the LG

LAS Vegas rock superstars The Killers have announced two gigs at Birmingham's LG Arena on October 31 and November 1.

Fronted by singer Brandon Flowers, the band are next week releasing their fourth studio album, *Battle Born*, and have just released a new single, *Runaways*. The Killers have sold more than five million copies in the UK of their albums *Hot Fuss*, *Sam's Town* and *Day & Age*. The latter provided the band with their biggest hit single, *Human*, in 2008.

Tickets for the gigs range from £32.50 to £42.50 plus fees.

Combining musicianship with a sharp eye for lampooning the excesses of the metal scene, the duo brought their band to the screen in the movie *Tenacious D* and the *Pick of Destiny*. It was no box office hit but has picked up a cult following on DVD.

Asked what they've been up to, Jack Black said: "Well, we've been working on our meditation, a lot of meditation. There's been a lot of time spent in the Himalayas. There's been a lot of nose to the grindstone. That's right, I've been nose to the ground stoned!"

And what did he like best about being in the UK. "To go out for a curry... read some Sherlock Holmes... tandem biking through parks."

The band, named after an aggressive basketball move, will be in concert at the Civic on Sunday, October 21.



Tenacious D describe their album as journey similar to that of Gandalf in *The Lord of the Rings*. Kyle Gass and Jack Black, above, continue their quest on tour

Autumn leaves region laughing at comic talent

IT'S going to be a funny autumn with top comedians lining up to play local venues. The latest big name is American star Chris Tucker, at Birmingham Symphony Hall (November 26).

Michael McIntyre hops around the NIA tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and then next week too.

Sandi Toksvig brings wit to Birmingham Town Hall on October 2. The same venue hosts Mark Watson (Oct 3) and Danny Bhoj (Oct 4). America's queen of mean Joan Rivers is at the Symphony Hall (Oct 16).

The New Alexandra Theatre hosts Jason Byrne on Saturday and coming up has Alan Davies, Roy Chubby Brown, Al Murray, Charlie Murphy, Ross Noble, Julian Clary, Paul Chowdhry, Lee Nelson, and Jethro.

At Wolverhampton venues the line-up includes Cannon and Ball, Sarah Millican, Freddie Starr, Al Murray, Danny Bhoj, Andi Osho, The Boy With Tape On His Face, Lee Hurst, Paul Chowdhry, and Alexei Sayle.

Aled to join with gentlemen's choir

PRESENTER Aled Jones will join the Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir on September 22 at Dudley Concert Hall.

The event also features classical singing duo Alison Cripps and Jill Saunders.

Proceeds will go to the Mayor of Dudley Councillor Melvyn Mottram's charity fund.

His chosen charities this year are Diabetes UK in Dudley, Stourbridge and District Support Group and Dudley Stroke Association.

Tickets are available on 01384 838863.

Aussie choir set for gig in town

AN Australian choir will bring the sound of Down Under to Dudley.

The Australian Voices will perform at St Andrew's Church in Netherton on September 26 at 7.30pm as part of their national tour.

The choir is gearing up for a 23-night run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Tickets cost £15 for adults.

Call 02032866786.

Jazz concerts

A NEW programme of jazz concerts will be held every month at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge, starting on September 14. All concerts start at 7.30pm and tickets are £7 for adults and £3.50 for students or under-16s.

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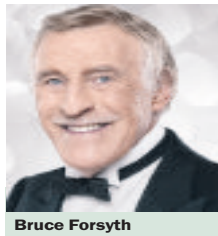
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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 15.09.12

CHOICE


Strictly Come Dancing – The 2012 Premiere
BBC1, 6.30pm

Maybe it's because wearing sparkly outfits and learning to fox trot sounds a bit more appealing than eating bugs in the Australian jungle or spending two weeks cooped up in a house with cameras watching you 24 hours a day, but Strictly Come Dancing usually manages to attract a better class of celebrity than most reality shows. So, you should recognise at least half of the famous faces being introduced by Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly at this red-carpet event to launch the new series. We will finally find out who's taking part tonight!

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Athletics. **2.30** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout. Twenty memorable contestants face the course again.

6.30 **Strictly Come Dancing – The 2012 Premiere.** Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host a red-carpet event following this year's celebrities as they meet their professional partners, and introducing new judge Darcey Bussell.

7.35 **Doctor Who.** The Time Lord and the Ponds arrive in a Wild West town being terrorised by a cyborg gunslinger which has an alien doctor on its hit list.

8.20 **The National Lottery: Secret Fortune.** High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Best friends Kay and Karen attempt to win the top prize of £100,000.

9.10 **Casualty.** Dylan and Tess treat an agitated pregnant woman, while Fletcher tries to unravel the relationship between a teenage girl and her swimming coach.

10.00 BBC News. Weather.

10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Stoke City v Manchester City at the Britannia Stadium and Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea at Loftus Road. National Lottery Update.

11.50 **The Football League Show.** **1.05** Weather. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The Treasure of Pancho Villa. (1955) **1.30** Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. (1949) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **5.00** One Man and His Dog – LIVE! **6.15** Coast. (R)

6.35 **Wartime Farm.** Ruth Goodman, Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn experience conditions faced by British farmers in 1940, as rationing took hold and Nazi bombing raids intensified. (R)

7.35 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the squad stumble across the crew of a downed German aircraft. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

8.10 **Vikings.** Neil Oliver explores the history of the Norse warriors, beginning by examining their ancient ancestry and charting Scandinavia's prehistoric landscape. (R)

9.10 **QI XL.** An extended edition of the quiz, as Stephen Fry asks Victoria Coren, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies questions about words beginning with J.

9.55 **The Thick of It.** Former Cabinet minister Nicola Murray finds herself facing a new set of pressures in opposition, and begins to worry about whether she can rely on her party colleagues.

10.25 **Citizen.** New series. The story of the former American president.

11.25 **Film: The Special Relationship.** (2010) Fact-based political drama starring Michael Sheen.

12.50 **Film: A Study in Terror.** Thriller, with John Neville. (1965).

ITV1

6.00 CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.20** The X Factor. (R) **1.25** ITV News. Weather. **1.40** Film: Nim's Island. (2008) **3.25** Film: Licence to Kill. (1989) **5.55** Regional Programme. Weather.

6.10 **ITV News.** Weather.

6.25 **New You've Been Framed!**

6.55 **Fool Britannia.** Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly.

7.25 **Red or Black?** Eight more contestants compete to win a huge cash prize by guessing the outcome of stunts and challenges, including a darting duel between Phil Taylor and Adrian Lewis. Continues after The X Factor.

8.10 **The X Factor.** Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Tulisa and Louis Walsh continue their search for the next big thing in music. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.10 **Red or Black?** Canadian singer Nelly Furtado performs as the four remaining contestants face further challenges – but only one will be given a chance to take home the huge cash prize.

9.55 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber, TV sport presenter Clare Balding and film star Liam Neeson, and the Killers perform their new single.

10.55 **ITV News.** Weather. **11.10** **Film: Disclosure.** (1994) Thriller, starring Michael Douglas and Demi Moore.

1.30 The Store. ITV News. Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British F3 International Series. **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Bourjois Boutique. **9.00** T4: iTunes Festival 2012: 14 Highlights. **9.30** T4: New Girl. **10.00** T4: Bourjois Boutique. **10.10** T4: New Girl. **10.40** T4: Revenge. **11.40** T4: Bourjois Boutique. **11.45** T4: Suburgatory. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. **4.30** The Simpsons. (R) **5.05** Channel 4 News. **5.35** 4thought.tv. **5.40** Film: Transformers. (2007) Sci-fi action adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf.

8.20 **Comedy World Cup.** New series. David Tennant asks the questions as two teams of comedians from across the generations compete to showcase their knowledge of comedy.

9.20 **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1 million. They are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors and face a series of questions, the wrong answers to which will lose them money every time they slip up.

10.55 **Film: Hostage.** (2005) A former hostage negotiator draws on his old skills to save children held captive in their own home by a gang of crazed delinquents. Thriller, with Bruce Willis and Kevin Pollak.

1.10 **Film: The Clay Bird.** (2002) Drama, starring Nurul Islam Babu. **2.55** The Byways. (R) **3.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** Brain Damage. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.10** Film: Mystery Woman. (2003) Whodunit, starring Kellie Martin. **2.50** David Copperfield. (R)

6.20 **5 News Weekend.**

6.25 **Film: Wyatt Earp.** (1994) The life of the legendary lawman, from his early youth to his days as the feared and respected town marshal who engineered the gunfight at the OK Corral, a tragic confrontation with a notorious outlaw gang. Western, starring Kevin Costner.

10.00 **CSI: Miami.** Three men are released from prison after being cleared of a 1992 murder – but one of them is found dead shortly afterwards, and the clues suggest a link to the original crime.

10.55 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** The discovery of a body in a chimney leads Catherine and Warrick to reopen inquiries into the disappearance of a teenage girl. (R)

11.55 **Inside Hollywood.** Magazine show, with location reports, news and views from behind the scenes. (R)

12.00 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming. **4.00** HouseBusters. Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. Churches designed by Christopher Wren. Last in the series. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. Shake makes lunch for everyone. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris appears on TV. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Greg Davies: Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** Human Planet **8.00** Mission to Mars: A Horizon Special **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** The InterCity 125: The Age of the Train **11.40** The Three Rocketeers **ITV2** **3.05** The X Factor **4.05** The Xtra Factor **5.10** Film: Cool Runnings (1993) **7.05** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **9.10** The X Factor **10.10** Celebrity Juice **10.55** Film: Happy Gilmore (1996) **ITV3** **2.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00** Downton Abbey **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Crime Connections **ITV4** **3.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.15** Film: Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971) **6.15** World's Wildest Police Videos **7.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **8.00** River Monsters **9.10** Film: The Game (1997) **11.35** Film: The Exorcist (1973) **E4** **3.50** Film: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **6.15** The Big Bang Theory **7.10** How I Met Your Mother **8.10** Rules of Engagement **9.10** Film: Wedding Crashers (2005) **11.30** The Inbetweeners **Film4** **2.50** Coraline (2009) **4.55** Roman Holiday (1953) **7.15** Laws of Attraction (2004) Romantic comedy, with Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore. **9.00** Patriot Games (1992) Political thriller, starring Harrison Ford. **11.15** Scary Movie (2000)

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SUNDAY'S TV 16.09.12

CHOICE



Mark Dixon

Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers
Channel 5, 11.25am
 Channel 5 loves a good trucking programme – a quick glance through the schedules will show you that. The adventures of a bunch of highly paid, death-defying Canadians and Americans driving their cargo to and from some of the most inhospitable places on Earth in Ice Road Trucks have been little short of jaw-dropping. This home-grown offering is a lot less do-or-die, but it still makes for good viewing. In this episode, a trucking convoy journeys through the Alps on a 1200-mile trip to deliver tyres to a Formula One test race in Italy.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.30 The Andrew Marr Show. 9.30 Live Athletics. 1.30 BBC News: Weather. 1.45 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Lifestyle. 4.10 Points of View. 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Planet Earth Live: A Lion's Tale.
6.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
6.30 Fake or Fortune? New series. Fiona Bruce and expert Philip Mould investigate art with mysterious origins, beginning by helping a man who believes he owns a painting by French artist Edgar Degas.
7.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores the beauty of the Nottinghamshire countryside, as captured through the writing of DH Lawrence, and Adam Henson goes shepherding in the Swiss Alps. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.30 Inspector George Gently. The detective is accused of fabricating evidence against an old adversary and a former colleague from London arrives to offer his support. With Kevin Whately. Last in the series.
10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day 2.
11.15 In with the Flynns. Liam goes snooping round a neighbour's home. (R)
11.45 Film: Two for the Money. (2005) Gambling drama, with Al Pacino.
1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 Sign Zone: Snowdonia – A Year in the Wild. (R) 2.45 Holly City. (R) 3.45 Good Cop. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 12.30 Live MotoGP. 2.00 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. 5.00 One Man and His Dog – LIVE! 6.15 Rugby League.
7.15 Richard Hammond's Crash Course. The host visits Dallas-Fort Worth Airport in Texas for an encounter with the Striker – the world's most powerful fire engine – and experiences the training its crew must undergo.
8.00 China on Four Wheels. Anita Rani and Justin Rowlett explore the contrasting faces of modern China on the concluding leg of their journey to Shanghai, including potholed roads and a wine chateau.
9.00 Dragons' Den. A Welsh grandmother charms the Dragons as she tries to secure investment for her food website, while the usual rules of the Den are disregarded during a pitch for a haircare brand.
10.00 Mock the Week. Radio 4 favourite Milton Jones and Irish comedian Ed Byrne join Dara O Briain, Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and Chris Addison for another round of the satirical news quiz. (R)
10.30 Hilary Devey's Women at the Top. Conclusion. The entrepreneur explores ways to help women prosper in the workplace, and assesses the effectiveness of policies instituted by some of Britain's biggest companies. (R)
11.30 Athletics.
12.10 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gift. (R) 10.25 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 11.25 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 12.20 ITV News: Weather. 12.30 The X Factor. (R) 1.35 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.30 Film: Columbus: A Bird in the Hand. (1992) 4.25 Doc Martin. (R) 5.25 The Talent Show Story. (R) 6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.45 ITV News: Weather.
7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Dan Lobb, Jodie Prenger, Chris Packham and Jennie McAlpine try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts.
8.00 The X Factor. Judges Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Tulisa and Louis Walsh continue their search for a new singing sensation by putting more hopefuls through their paces.
9.00 Down to Earth. New series. Gora's mother Martha (Shirley MacLaine) arrives at Downtown for Matthew and Mary's wedding – but the couple are struggling to stay united ahead of their big day.
10.30 ITV News: Weather.
10.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Roger Moore. The actor recalls the highs and lows of his acting career and personal life, lifts the lid on his four marriages and tells the story of his upbringing in south London. (R)
11.50 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.45 The Store. ITV Superhero Headlines. 2.45 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 3.40 Motorsport UK. 4.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Ironman 2012. 7.05 Strathclyde Park Triathlon. 8.00 Will & Grace. (R) 8.25 Will & Grace. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 Film: The Spy Next Door. (2010) 3.45 Deal or No Deal. 4.45 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.20 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland.
6.20 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. A nervous Emma Carr hosts her first-ever dinner party, with a caricaturist helping to show her guests' true colours.
6.50 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. Martin Butler hosts the final dinner party in Dublin. Last in the series.
7.20 Channel 4 News.
7.50 4Thought. A Buddhist nun explains how art helped her find peace.
7.55 The Political Slit. With Green Party of England and Wales leader Natalie Bennett.
8.00 Fatal Flight 447: Chaos in the Cockpit. The facts behind the crash of the Air France flight in June 2009.
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 80s. New series. Jimmy Carr grills celebrities on decades gone by, beginning with the 1980s. Jonathan Ross, Jason Manford, Micky Flanagan and Stephen Mangan answer the questions.
10.35 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Pink and Gok Wan. (R)
11.40 Shameless. (R)
12.45 American Football Live. 4.45 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.40 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 7.05 Rookabara and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Play! (R) 7.35 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 Toby's Travelling Circus. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Jelly Jamm. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.15 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.25 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 12.25 Film: Capricorn One. (1977) 2.45 Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) 5.05 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971)
7.10 5 News Weekend.
7.15 Film: Jackie Chan's The Medallion. (2003) Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan, Lee Evans and Claire Forlani.
9.00 Film: Swordfish. (2001) A computer hacker is recruited by a former anti-terrorist agent to embezzle millions from the US government. Thriller, with John Travolta, Hugh Jackman.
11.00 Film: Desperado. (1995) Action thriller, starring Antonio Banderas.
1.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Be Your Own Boss. 8.00 Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. (2008) 10.00 Family Guy. 10.45 Bad Education. 11.15 American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks. 7.30 The Story of Light. Entertainment. 9.00 The Pharaoh Who Conquered the Sea. 10.00 Film: Loose Cannons. (2010) 11.45 British Passions on Film
ITV2
3.00 Film: Dennis (1993) 4.50 The X Factor. 5.55 The X Factor. 6.55 Film: Dante's Peak. (1997) 9.00 The X Factor. 10.00 Film: Hot Fuzz. (2007)
ITV3
5.05 Film: On the Buses. (1971) 6.55 Lewis. A woman's murder is copied from the pages of a novel. 9.00 Film: Rain Man. (1988) 11.45 Cracker
ITV4
2.30 Live Cycling: Tour of Britain. Stage eight from Reigate to Guildford. 4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 Film: Weekend at Bernie's (1989) 7.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union. 9.00 An Audience with Billy Connolly. 10.10 Film: Coogan's Bluff. (1968)
E4
3.50 New Girl. 4.20 Suburgatory. 4.50 Revenge. 5.50 The Big Bang Theory. 7.40 Film: Ever After: A Cinderella Story. (1998) 10.00 The Inbetweeners. 11.05 2 Broke Girls. 11.35 New Girl
Film4
3.20 Von Ryan's Express. (1965) 5.35 Dr Dolittle. (1998) 7.15 Stormbreaker. (2006) 9.00 Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Action thriller, with Harrison Ford. 11.45 Good Luck Chuck. (2007)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Out of Time, Channel 5, 10pm

The chief of police in a small Florida town is having an affair with a married woman who is dying of cancer. When his lover and her abusive husband are both murdered, he becomes the prime suspect in the case – and his ex-wife is appointed as the investigating officer. Crime thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes, Dean Cain and Sanaa Lathan. (2003)

TUESDAY

Trust the Man, BBC1, 11.45pm

Two Manhattan-based couples hit a rocky patch in their relationships. Husband and wife Tom and Rebecca look to therapy and counselling to try to save their ailing marriage, while Tobey and Elaine decide to go their separate ways after seven difficult years together. Comedy drama, with David Duchovny, Julianne Moore, Billy Crudup and Maggie Gyllenhaal. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

Full Metal Jacket, ITV1, 10.35pm

Raw Marine recruits undergo gruelling basic training for the Vietnam War under the command of a domineering drill sergeant whose methods lead to the breakdown of one of his cadets. Eventually, some of the fully trained soldiers get their first taste of combat in 1968. Stanley Kubrick's drama, starring Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D'Onofrio and R Lee Ermey. (1987)



Casino Royale, Friday, ITV1, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Taken in Broad Daylight, BBC1, 11.35pm

Fact-based thriller about a teenage girl who is kidnapped and held hostage for six days. However, far from cracking up during her traumatic experience, she keeps her wits about her, manipulating her captor and leaving subtle clues for the police to ensure rescue as the abductor moves her across state lines. Fact-based thriller, with Sara Canning, James Van Der Beek, LeVar Burton and Diana Reis. (2009)

FRIDAY

Casino Royale, ITV1, 10.35pm

James Bond achieves his '00' status and is dispatched on the trail of Le Chiffre, an international criminal financing terrorist organisations around the world. Bond's investigation leads to a casino in Montenegro, where he takes part in a high-stakes poker game in a bid to bankrupt Le Chiffre and put an end to his plans. Spy thriller, directed by Martin Campbell and starring Daniel Craig in his first outing as 007, with Eva Green, Mads Mikkelsen, Judi Dench and Giancarlo Giannini. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Family matters are set to complicate events

The First World War is over, Sybil is pregnant with her first child and Mary is about to marry Matthew.

So, as we enter 1920, everything is well in the Crawley family's world, right?

Well, not exactly – after all, this is a TV drama, so misery, scandal, back-biting, chaos and tragedy can only be just around the corner.

Certainly life at Downton Abbey may never be the same again – Bates remains in jail after being wrongly convicted of his wife's murder, and butler Carson is struggling to find the 'right' kind of person to join the staff; it seems that the war has changed everything and people are no longer happy to spend their lives waiting hand and foot on wealthy aristocrats, not when they may have a chance to make something of themselves.

Of course the biggest news from this third series is that Oscar-winning Hollywood megastar Shirley MaLaine is joining the cast as Cora's redoubtable mother, Martha Levinson, who makes the journey across the

Atlantic for the big Crawley wedding.

"In those days the American women who had money were looking for titles, and the titled men were looking for American money," explains MaLaine. "So Martha fits the bill of the American matriarch who lands across the pond with money. And they expect her to finance whatever's wrong with Downton Abbey."

The actress, whose previous projects include such massive cinematic hits as Sweet Charity, Terms of Endearment, The Apartment and Steel Magnolias, will only be appearing in a handful of episodes, but is sure that her character will live long in the memory.

"She is extremely outspoken. Martha's basic role in these episodes is to plead with the Dowager Countess to wrest herself, if possible, away from tradition, because that's what caused the war in the first place, and to become more flexible in relating to change."

What viewers are looking forward to is seeing MaLaine and Maggie Smith (who plays the Dowager Countess), lock horns on screen – after all, they

are two of the acting game's most formidable, experienced and talented women.

But MaLaine lets us down slightly by claiming there won't be fireworks between them: "The gunfight at the OK Corral does not happen between Maggie and me. We do a little sparring, we have our moments, but it's more sophisticated than that. Martha is not just a crass, cranky American coming in there to call a spade a spade. She's very smart and to a large extent, sensitive as to what's going on with all her daughter's children."

"And Maggie's character is so well established, but you have to look beyond what is her expected reaction to Martha. The Dowager Countess is a human being who has complications and a past of some pain that Martha understands – and to some extent addresses herself to."

MaLaine does, however, admit that she had a grand old time, and especially enjoyed filming at Highclere Castle, which doubles as Downton.

She's also sure we're going to enjoy watching her character in action – and, frankly, we can't wait to see her.



Shirley MaLaine stars in Downton Abbey, Sunday, ITV1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs ITV1, 8pm

Like Animal Hospital before it, this show tugs on the heartstrings with more skill than a seasoned cellist, but it's Paul O'Grady's quick wit and no-nonsense approach that makes it more than just an attempt to grab ratings. Once more POG is working with the canines at the world famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, and has his hands full when a behaviourist enlists him to work with a Rottweiler-bull mastiff cross with a fear of men. (Maybe Paul should adopt the guise of former alias Lily Savage). Plus, clinic workers attempt to find a home for two dogs that have developed a close friendship, and the centre receives a visit from model and centre ambassador David Gandy.

TUESDAY

Derren Brown: Svengali Channel 4, 9pm

He's back. Channel 4's favourite illusionist who has spent the past decade fronting shows such as Miracles for Sale, Derren Brown: Mind Control, and Messiah. A few months ago DB took his award-winning show to Nottingham's Theatre Royal, where he attempted to extract secret confessions from the audience, played unforgettable mind games and revealed the wonder of Svengali – an automaton allegedly created in the image of its owner's dead son. Was it used in early Victorian magic shows, or is it another of Brown's eerie games? Tune in to this unnerving gig and make up your own mind.

The Rob Brydon Show BBC2, 10pm

It may have been in the pipeline for five years but a film version of classic cops and robbers saga The Sweeney has finally made it onto the big screen after a few false starts. Star Ray Winstone is doing his best to ensure everybody knows about it, so, aside from plugging the movie, he attempts to teach Rob how to act tough. Also this week, Brian Cox will be discussing his efforts to make science accessible for everyone. And as this series often seems like just an excuse for Rob Brydon to have a singalong with some of his celebrity mates, he'll no doubt jump at the chance to share the musical spotlight with Stereophonics singer Kelly Jones.

WEDNESDAY

Mrs Biggs ITV1, 9pm

Plenty of people wrote off this drama before it even began – after all, the story of The Great Train Robbery had already been told many times, what more could be said? As it turns out, plenty. The tale of Charmian Biggs, wife of the notorious Ronnie, has been enthralling so far, and it takes more twists and turns here. After having an affair and an abortion, Charmian helps plan Ronnie's escape and the family relocate to Australia. She falls pregnant again with their third son, and life seems to be getting back on track – until events back home suggest the police

haven't given up hope of finding the Biggs' just yet. Sheridan Smith and Danny Mays star.

Dallas

Channel 5, 9pm

Hurray! JR's arch enemy Cliff Barnes is back for the first time in more than 15 years, and it's just like old times. After the smirking oil baron calmly scuppers John Ross's plan to double-cross him, JR decides to move back to Southfork. However, the Ewings are faced with more problems when Cliff resurfaces and tries to reconnect with his nephew Christopher. Elsewhere, Tommy has intriguing news for Rebecca.



Derren Brown: Svengali, Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

Good Cop BBC1, 9pm

Few actors who've left the bright lights of Chester's Hollyoaks behind in search of a good, meaty role in telly have actually found it. But clearly with Warren Brown we're dealing with a whole different kettle of fish – and he's settled into the role of PC Paul Rocksavage rather nicely. But like all good things, this series must come to an end. In the final instalment, Sav seems to be having a bit of trouble with not

letting his emotions get in the way of his work; in fact, his quest to get Jonjo arrested for Andy's murder draws suspicion from Costello and Sarge. But it's only when a set-up with Amanda goes very wrong, that the cop decides to do things his way...

FRIDAY

Parade's End BBC2, 9pm

Given Benedict Cumberbatch's piping hot status, it was a curious decision by the BBC to take a drama adapted by internationally acclaimed writer Tom Stoppard and then put it on BBC2 on a Friday night. If over a show had a prime-time Sunday night slot stamped all over it, it was this one. Now the final part of the tale based on Ford Madox Ford's quartet of novels sees Christopher sent to the front line of the First World War with McKechnie and Perowne, while Valentine waits for news from him. And Sylvia makes a final desperate bid to win back his love.

Being Liverpool Channel 5, 9pm

It's been a difficult summer for Liverpool. Kop favourite Kenny Dalglish left the club for a second time, and Brendan Rogers was poached from Swansea City. Saddy the first few games of the new season haven't exactly gone to plan – with some fans pinpointing the club's inability to sign a new striker at the heart of the team's problems. So, with turmoil on and off the pitch, this new, six-part series should prove fascinating. Filming began just days after Liverpool's defeat to Chelsea in the FA Cup final, and cameras have been allowed full access to all aspects of the club and players.

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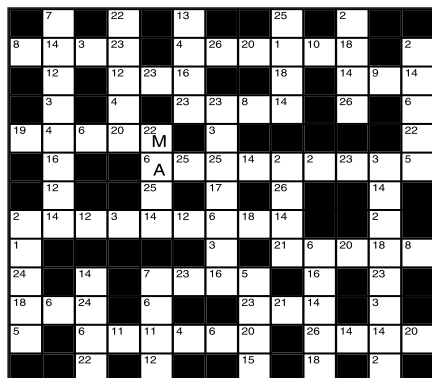
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	O	B	S	N	V	G	P	U	F	10	Q	Y	D	Z
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

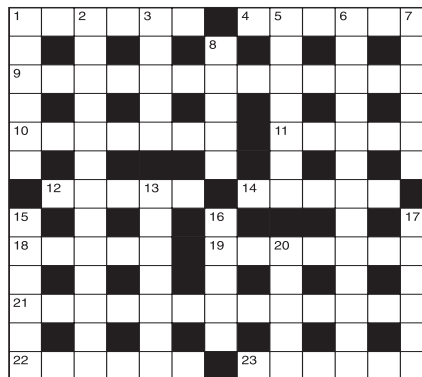
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. I put in a call for ventilation (6)
4. It's always one thing or the other (6)
9. The bird song that wakes you at dawn? (7,6)
10. The height of a severe storm (7)
11. Flier has a sash in the Royal Navy (5)
12. You're going places if they're in the right direction (5)
14. It may be trodden on in flight (5)
18. Inferior ox, for example (5)
19. Citizen under discussion (7)
21. It helps to drive one round the bend (8,5)
22. Passes on the messages about the races? (6)
23. A guess about customs (6)

Down

1. An abnormal appetite, no argument about that (6)
2. In turn it benefits the lucky gambler (8,5)
3. I've an arrangement that's simple (5)
5. Get what is left (7)
6. Though yellow at heart, it won't run (4-6,3)
7. Mounting a revolt, perhaps (6)
8. An entrance of ornamental stone (5)
13. Show a beam that is left (7)
15. A cloister will be more confined without it (6)
16. Employing some various ingredients (5)
17. Illicit photographs? (6)
20. They are certainly biased but game (5)



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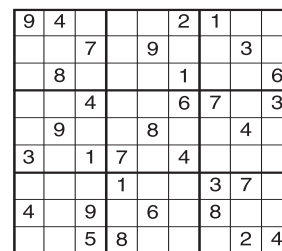
Across

1. Condition (6)
4. Over-indulge (6)
9. Remonstrance (13)
10. Anguish (7)
11. Abide (5)
12. Suppress (5)
14. Not suitable (5)
18. Of a town (5)
19. Lean (7)
21. Theme (7-6)
22. Happenings (6)
23. Astral (6)

Down

1. Abundance (6)
2. Calm (13)
3. Hurry (5)
5. Forsake (7)
6. Premier (5,8)
7. Fester (6)
8. Out of practice (5)
13. Merciful (7)
15. Chase (6)
16. Hackneyed (5)
17. Cordial (6)
20. Sea-map (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

1	3	5	4	1	8	9	6	7	2
9	4	6	1	2	7	3	5	8	
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Happy landing; 7 Reset; 8 Nurse; 9 Gig; 10 Calendars; 11 Relief; 12 Eclair; 15 Eye-opener; 17 Ash; 18 Extra; 19 Idled; 21 Broken hearts. Down: Head gardener; 2 Yes; 3 Attila; 4 Dining-car; 5 Norma; 6 Leisure hours; 7 Regal; 10 Cheesecake; 13 Award; 14 Ensign; 16 Enter; 20 Lee. QUICK - Across: 1 Illumination; 7 Foyer; 8 Steer; 9 Fee; 10 Shakespear; 11 Exhume; 12 Porter; 15 Animosity; 17 Asp; 18 Litho; 19 Level; 21 Protestation. Down: 1 Insufferable; 2 May; 3 Normal; 4 Testimony; 5 Obese; 6 Prescription; 7 Fresh; 10 Somnolent; 13 Trail; 14 Titles; 16 Inter; 20 Via. LAST WEEK'S CIRCLEGRAM SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Coventry, Lincoln, Carlisle, all English cities.

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Situated in a popular residential area the house is well placed for a wide variety of amenities to be found in Sedgley and on Northway, yet close to open countryside and within easy commuting distance of all major West Midlands commercial centres.

On the ground floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with corner bath, wash hand basin in vanity unit, separates shower cubicle with electric shower and low level WC.

On the lower ground floor is bedroom four/study, a cloakroom with wash hand basin and low level WC and a utility room with a range of base cupboards, work surfaces and wall cupboards, one and a half bowl stainless steel sink with mixer taps and provision for washing machine.

Balconies

On the first floor is a lounge and dining area, 27ft 2in by 16ft 2in, with French windows to the front and rear and both leading onto balconies. There is also a kitchen, 9ft 10in by 7ft and fitted with a range of units including inset one and half bowl stainless steel sink with mixer taps, base cupboards, drawer unit, work surfaces, wall cupboards, built-in double oven with hob and cooker hood over and integrated fridge and freezer.

Outside is a lawned front garden with mature shrubs and a tarmac driveway providing of street parking and leading to the garage, while a gated side entrance leads to a landscaped rear garden with patio, shaped lawn, shrubs and pergola.

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Reception hall, dining kitchen, sitting room, lounge, conservatory, five bedrooms, two en-suites, house bathroom, downstairs wc, rear garden, garage converted to storage area and annexe. Annexe: Bathroom, living area, lobby with kitchen area.

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Enclosed Rear Garden, off-road Parking

Guide: £90,000/£110,000

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 am



25 SOMERFORD PLACE, WILLENHALL

An impressive Detached Late Victorian House used as Two Flats
Ground Floor: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, WC, Cellar
First Floor: Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, smart Shower Room, Separate WC
Driveway at side, Garage, Outbuilding and Garden

Guide: £93,000/£98,000

VIEWING: THURSDAY & FRIDAY 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 12.00 noon



57 CENTRAL DRIVE, COSELEY

A large immaculately presented First Floor Flat overlooking an open green and with the benefit of Garden to the rear
Spacious Lounge, well appointed Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, smart Bathroom
Gas Central Heating, Store and Outside Store

Guide: £59,000/£64,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER @ 3.30 pm & SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER @ 12.30 pm



24 St JUDES ROAD WEST, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Located close to the Girls' High School and within a mile of the City Centre
A character Semi-Detached in need of modernisation
Two Reception, Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
Long Rear Garden

Guide: £73,000/£78,000

VIEWING: THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER @ 1.00 pm & SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER @ 11.30 am



70/70A WROTTESLEY ROAD, TETTENHALL

In a prime residential area, a Detached Property comprising Two Self-Contained Flats
Each offers Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Outside - Two Garages and delightful extensive Gardens

Guide: £250,000/£270,000

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82 CROSS ROAD, ALBRIGHTON

A short distance from the centre of this attractive and popular village which offers most amenities.
A Three Bedroomed Semi overlooking open fields and with pleasant Rear Garden
Improvement/modernisation needed

Guide: £93,000/£98,000

VIEWING: THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER @ 3.00 pm & SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER @ 9.30 am



131 WINDSOR AVENUE, PENN

Now a little tired but an excellent opportunity to refurbish a Three Bed Semi in a popular residential area
Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, old Garage
Front and Rear Gardens currently managed by nature!

Guide: £93,000/£98,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 14th & 15th SEPTEMBER @ 9.30 am



243 MERRIDALE STREET WEST, PENN FIELDS

Well presented End Terraced at head of cul de sac
Modernised with Upvc windows, Central Heating, modern Kitchen, GF Bathroom, Two Reception, Three Bedrooms, smart GF Shower Room
Verandah, enclosed Garden at rear

Guide: £48,000/£53,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 14th & 15th SEPTEMBER @ 11.00 am



100 LESLIE ROAD, PARK VILLAGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Large double fronted Victorian Detached
Two Reception, Kitchen, Shower Room, Two Double Bedrooms & Bathroom
Very large Workshop/Store at rear - approx 1,100 sq ft.
Double doors for access at side

Guide: £85,000/£95,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 14th & 15th SEPTEMBER @ 11.45 am



95 NINE ELMS LANE, PARK VILLAGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

On a large corner plot this well presented Semi overlooks parkland
Two Reception and Study area, Kitchen, fitted Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
Gas CH, upvc Windows, Two Drives & Garage, pleasant Garden

Guide: £98,000/£93,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 14th & 15th SEPTEMBER @ 12.30 p.m.



646 PARKFIELD ROAD, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Large Semi with rear vehicular access and Garage
Upvc Windows, Gas CH
Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, First Floor WC
Two Outside Stores, attractive Garden

Guide: £58,000/£63,000

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ADVERTISEMENTS****SEDGLEY****Warren Drive**

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Offers in the region of £214,950**SEDGLEY****Hamilton Close**

Enviably situated (just off Gospel End Road) in short favoured cul de sac, a conscientiously maintained, mostly uPVC double glazed & gas radiator centrally heated detached with potential. Accommodation provides glazed entrance vestibule, lounge, dining room (with patio doors), kitchen, inner vestibule (with cloaks recess). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**WOLVERHAMPTON****Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**

A tremendously enhanced, stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Superb accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, dining room with bay, lounge with patio doors, enlarged refitted L' shape breakfast kitchen with many integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (all with wardrobes & third bedroom enlarged into eaves), recently reappointed/enlarged bathroom with white suite/chrome detailing. Garage, Lengthy secluded rear garden, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**SEDGLEY****Sandyfields Road**

An Edwardian, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential having many remaining period features & PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS set in favoured district within walking distance of country park/schools, etc. Accommodation presently provides entrance vestibule, imposing 24ft reception hall (8'9" ceiling height), lounge with bay (original overmantel), dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, lobby/shower/wet room, Landing (8'11" ceiling height), three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking to front, lengthy garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**KINGSWINFORD****Barnett Lane**

Very well placed within one of Kingwinford's most sought after addresses and close to excellent local schooling, this DELIGHTFUL, SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOME outwardly retains much of its original character and charm but now benefits from BEAUTIFUL MODERN INTERNAL APPOINTMENTS which enhance the VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Well proportioned Lounge, large separate Dining Room, large rear hall, beautifully refitted kitchen with appliances, refitted bathroom and TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS. With DOUBLE WIDTH DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£152,500**DUDLEY****Sudeley Gardens, Milking Bank**

Tremendously improved, ENLARGED & upgraded, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached family home comprising reception hall, reappointed/fitted cloakroom, reappointed breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, lounge with 'limestone' overmantel & stove. To the first floor are three bedrooms & a reappointed bathroom with white suite & there is a loft conversion/bedroom 4 with velux skylights. Lengthy front garden, south facing rear garden with block paved patio. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**DUDLEY****Birmingham New Road, Woodsetton**

A deceptively spacious, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated traditional semi detached with further potential set in established neighbourhood. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, outer porch & utility room beyond. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, garage, ample parking, well secluded rear garden. Mining search available. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**SEDGLEY****Fir Tree Drive**

An absolutely outstanding, FREEHOLD, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached that has been 'transformed' in recent years to an exemplary standard. Stylish accommodation includes superb enlarged lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite (chrome detailing), potential garage/extension space to side (subject to regulations) & neat/well tended rear garden with decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**SEDGLEY****Kings Road**

An outstanding, exceptionally stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace that has been comprehensively renovated by present vendors in recent years to an exemplary specification. Situated within walking distance of Bull Ring/posh fields, etc., the remarkable accommodation includes dining room (hole in the wall living flame gas fire), lobby, lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, lobby, reappointed bathroom with white contemporary suite/chrome detailing, THREE BEDROOMS, delightful secluded rear garden with recent decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,500**BRIERLEY HILL****Teviot Gardens**

Forming part of this now established address, this THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME WITH SEPARATE GARAGE, requires some modernisation and should appeal to first time buyers and young families. To briefly comprise: hall, sitting room, kitchen with defined dining area, guests cloakroom, three good sized first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Low maintenance enclosed rear garden and benefitting from a NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£109,950**LOWER GORNAL****Park Road**

An exceptionally stylish, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendor in recent months & where a personal inspection is vital for total appreciation. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, superb through living/dining room (previously separate rooms), refitted kitchen with a range of 'beech' effect units, three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden, potentially, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £102,950**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE**

An elegant, particularly distinctive late Victorian residence constructed to what appears to have been an outstanding specification circa 1894 exemplifying the 'arts & crafts' tastes with many fine period features, modernised in more recent years but now, again, requiring sympathetic restoration providing exceptionally flexible/spacious accommodation with HUGE POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, cloaks, FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS (one with separate entrance), large breakfast kitchen, lofty 27ft conservatory, SIX BEDROOMS (one with en suite), bathroom, garden, DOUBLE BRICK GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £315,000**Dudley Road****LOWER GORNAL****Ruskin Avenue, Straits**

An attractive, tremendously enhanced, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing central reception hall, THREE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units, refitted/enlarged bathroom with separate shower, elegant lounge with living flame fire place), refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'cream finish' units with various integrated appliances, side vestibule, utility room, landscaped 'low maintenance' secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950**PENSNETT****£10,000 REDUCTION**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOME forming part of highly sought after Badgers Rise, providing IMMACULATE, EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, guests cloakroom/w.c. off, large attractive lounge, dining room, spacious luxury refitted dining kitchen with built in appliances, THREE VERY LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and a fabulous extended and refitted house bathroom. TARMAC DRIVEWAY, lawns to the fore, GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED LEVEL REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£214,950**Snowberry Drive****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Robert Street**

A highly individual & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS to the rear & having been tremendously upgraded/modernised by present vendors in recent years. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, magnificent 24'9" through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division) with french doors out to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, 26ft through lobby, laundry, separate toilet, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed/enlarged bathroom with white, garage, well tended gardens. Part Exchange Considered. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,000**WALL HEATH****£5,000 REDUCTION****Maidensbridge Road**

Exceptionally well placed within this highly respected address, just a short distance from local shops and amenities, this SUBSTANTIAL TRADITIONAL DOUBLE FRONTED DETACHED BUNGALOW requires updating, but offers considerable potential, providing VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room/bedroom three, kitchen, rear veranda, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN which requires some improvement, but enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950**SEDGLEY****Portkerry Grove, Brownsall Estate**

Stylish, tremendously modernised, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac upon highly sought after development within walking distance of OPEN FIELDS, schools & other amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room (with double opening french doors out to the garden), refitted kitchen, outer lobby, separate toilet. Three generous bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into dormer roof space), reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £177,950**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring in quiet cul de sac, an outstanding, exceptionally stylish & well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors over the years. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, cupboard, superb lounge with living flame gas fire, transverse upgraded 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden drive & secluded/sheltered rear garden, brick former garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**UPPER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Occupying a prominent corner position, this modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached home provides versatile family living space & simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The deceptively spacious property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, shower room, garage, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,000**COSELEY**

A magnificent, comprehensively renovated, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an outstanding specification. Stylish accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, store, lounge with bay (log burner), dining room with bay, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' units & various integrated appliances, large utility/laundry room, separate toilet & a further reception room (alternative use as bedroom or office, etc.), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, extensive parking, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950**DUDLEY****Himley Avenue**

SPACIOUS, significantly upgraded, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated DETACHED set at head of cul de sac. Stylish upgraded accommodation includes entrance hallway, 24ft living/dining room, 15'10" breakfast kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white fitted suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS**LOWER GORNAL****Chaucer Avenue, Straits**

This well presented, considerably enlarged, majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, extended kitchen, utility. Three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Tandem length garage, block paved driveway, and a beautiful rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**WOLVERHAMPTON****NEW PRICE****Cranbourne Avenue, Ettingshall Park**

This bay fronted, Mucklow style, double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is well presented throughout and is situated in an established residential location. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with integrated appliances, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £139,995**SEDGLEY****Fir Tree Drive**

A significantly EXTENDED, and comparatively spacious, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home in popular cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes: entrance hall, store, 19 ft through dining room (with double French doors), L shape lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen, two double bedrooms, and a further 19 ft third bedroom, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Parking, "low maintenance" rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950**DUDLEY****Cardoness Place**

An exceptionally well presented & extremely stylish, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated semi detached upon fine corner plot with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Superb accommodation includes: entrance hallway, excellent lounge, dining room (with double opening French doors out to the garden), upgraded kitchen with "light beech" effect units & various integrated appliances, store, THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with a stylish white suite. Large garden shed, potential garage space, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £138,000**COSELEY****Crowsbridge Mews**

Occupying a corner plot in a quiet cul de sac location, this modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated detached family home is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, guest w.c., lounge, dining room, kitchen, CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,995**WOODSETTON****NEW PRICE****Griffiths Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, extended, bay fronted, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home that has been conscientiously maintained by the current owner, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, extended dining kitchen, utility. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite. Garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Denise Drive**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! An attractive, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. Requiring near comprehensive modernisation works, the accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged kitchen, three bedrooms (third enlarged into eaves), enlarged bathroom, garage, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**WOODSETTON****Sedgley Road**

A significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in established neighbourhood. Comparatively spacious, ENLARGED accommodation includes reception hall, excellent lounge with bay (Minister-style) feature overmantel, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed conservatory, kitchen, utility/shower room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, garage, extensive gated parking, neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £121,750**WALL HEATH****NEW PRICE****Brook Street**

BACKING ONTO BEAUTIFUL OPEN COUNTRYSIDE upon the very fringe of Wall Heath village, this CHARMING PERIOD MID TERRACE offers a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PROPORTIONED arrangement of WELL PRESENTED accommodation with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, including: splendid large lounge, separate dining room, attractively refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS and to the rear enjoying a LARGE AND MOST IMPRESSIVE REAR GARDEN with countryside views. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£119,950**SEDGLEY****The Quadrant**

This beautifully presented, traditional style, gas centrally heated, three bedroom end town house which is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to both first time buyers, and young families alike. The surprisingly spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three good bedrooms, shower room, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,950**COSELEY****Bank Street**

This substantially extended, double glazed (vast majority of units) & gas centrally heated Victorian style and terrace provides deceptively spacious family living space & is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, 27ft lounge, dining kitchen, guest w.c., three excellent bedrooms, splendid bathroom with white corner suite/separate shower cubicle, block paved driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000**COSELEY****Berrington Drive**

A freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached virtually at head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of so many amenities including Coseley railway station. The improved accommodation includes porch, lounge (laminated finish floor), transverse breakfast kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with a range of fitted units), recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite with chrome detailing, BRICK GARAGE (pitched roof) & garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £113,950**COSELEY****Central Drive**

A significantly modernised, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained, upgraded & improved over the years. Excellent accommodation includes: entrance hallway, sitting room with bay (and Living Flame feature gas fire), refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of "Old English White" effect units, pantry, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with a white suite (chrome detailing). Parking to front (kerb dropped), level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £113,950**DUDLEY****Magdalen Close, London Heights**

Enviably situated in short/quiet cul de sac with tremendous views & EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached. Accommodation provides enlarged entrance porch, dining room, lounge, extended 17'8" breakfast kitchen. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, garage, parking, recently landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000**COSELEY****Brooklyn Grove**

A Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes, day-to-day shopping facilities etc., and representing a fine family home. Accommodation includes: reception hall, store, separate dining room (with double French doors out to the garden), lounge with bay, kitchen, lobby, freezer room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Off road parking to front, secluded rear garden (possibilities of rear access). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**LOWER GORNAL****Brookdale**

FURTHER POTENTIAL! A mostly modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated semi detached in popular/established neighbourhood that has been upgraded, modernised & improved in recent months but now requires some "finishing works". Accommodation includes: reception hall, spacious through living room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, lobby, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy foregarden with extensive parking, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £106,000**UPPER GORNAL****Quarry Brow**

A particularly stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS having rare advantage of wider than average potential driveway to side. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, upgraded dining kitchen, walk-in store, lobby, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (one with walk-in store), spacious re-appointed bathroom with white suite, pressed concrete driveway/rear terrace, fenced garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,950**SEDGLEY****Monument Lane**

TREMENDOUSLY MODERNISED & significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached starter home with panoramic DISTANT VIEWS in popular district. Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, excellent lounge (with double french doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with a fine range of maple effect units & various integrated appliances together with dining room section, two double bedrooms & third room, recently reappointed bathroom with superb contemporary design white suite. Through lobby with further store & separate toilet, landscaped garden (the fenced level section abutting onto "pasture"). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000**COSELEY****Dimmocks Avenue**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with further potential set in well regarded/convenient district. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, three bedrooms (two with fitted units), tiled bathroom, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £103,950**DUDLEY****Pebworth Grove**

This modern, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) and gas centrally heated semi detached home well presented throughout & may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950**COSELEY****Kenelm Road**

This traditional style, double glazed (majority of units) and gas centrally heated semi detached now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950**TIVIDALE****NEW PRICE****Regent Avenue**

A uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached with potential forming part of a cul de sac in popular district. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, part uPVC double glazed verandah, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950**BRIERLEY HILL****CONSERVATORY****Exchange Street**

Ideally suited to the first time buyer/young family is this modern two bedroomed semi detached property which comprises: hall, modern kitchen, lounge, conservatory, two first floor bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garden to the rear, parking to the front, economy seven storage heating, and uPVC double glazing. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£87,000**DUDLEY****IDEAL FIRST BUY****Park Road**

Appealing to first time buyers is this well presented traditional style 2 bedroomed gas centrally heated and majority uPVC double glazed mid terrace property situated in this established residential location, and comprising, lounge, modern kitchen, bathroom, 2 first floor bedrooms, easily maintained garden to rear, in a cul de sac location. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Greyfriars Close, Dudley



Offers Over £180,000

Three bedroom detached property comprising entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. Available with no upward chain.

Constantine Way, Bilston



£170,000

NEW

Modern detached four bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, downstairs WC, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, rear garden, driveway and garage.

Victoria Road, Tipton



£140,000

This traditional style detached property, offers accommodation to include: an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The property also benefits from having a conservatory and rear garden.

The Broadway, Dudley



£140,000

NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, downstairs WC, kitchen with utility area, upstairs shower room, front and rear gardens and driveway. Viewing essential to appreciate this property.

Berrington Drive, Bilston



£120,000

NEW

Detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, downstairs WC, family bathroom, rear garden, driveway and garage.

Langstone Road, Dudley



£110,000

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Tenacre Lane, Dudley



Offers Over £110,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, dining room, living room, modern kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Viewing highly recommended!

Oak Green, Dudley



£110,000

NEW

Terraced four bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge/diner, modern kitchen, dining room, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Viewing recommended to appreciate this property.

Birmingham New Road, Bilston



£99,950

PRICE REDUCED

Three bedroom semi detached property comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, driveway and garage. Available with no upward chain.

Lantern Road, Dudley



Offers Over £95,000

PRICE REDUCED

A two bedroom and terraced property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, front and rear parking and off road parking to rear.

Acacia Close, Dudley



Offers Over £95,000

End terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Must be viewed to fully appreciate.

Ernest Road, Dudley



Offers Over £95,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Bishop Close, Dudley



Offers Over £90,000

NEW

End terraced four bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, kitchen, dining room, family bathroom and garden.

Crabourne Road, Dudley



Offers Over £80,000

NEW

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, rear garden and driveway. Viewing recommended to appreciate this property

Cromwell Street, Dudley



£72,500

End terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, shower room and rear garden.

Thunderbolt Way, Tipton



Offers Over £70,000

Modern second floor two bedroom apartment briefly comprising communal entrance, entrance hall, lounge/kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and allocated parking spaces.

Denbigh Road, Tipton



Offers Over £70,000

NEW

Mid terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility, downstairs WC, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Maybank Road, Dudley



£65,000

PRICE REDUCED

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Beech Crescent, Tipton



£65,000

PRICE REDUCED

Three bedroom mid terraced property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, rear garden and driveway.

Inhedge Street, Dudley



£60,000

NEW

First floor one bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance hall, reception area, lounge, modern kitchen, shower room and communal gardens. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this property.

Southgate Way, Dudley



£59,950

Two bedroom ground floor apartment comprising communal entrance, open plan lounge/kitchen area, bathroom and allocated parking space. Available with no upward chain.

Russells Hall Road, Dudley



£39,950

PRICE REDUCED

First floor two bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom. Available with no upward chain.

PUBLIC NOTICE,



£120,000

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• An Improved Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Dining Area • Conservatory • Rear Garden Having Decking • Double Glazing • Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Bathroom

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NEW ROWLEY ROAD

• An Improved Mid Townhouse • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Utility Room • Double Glazing • Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Block Paved Driveway

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• Semi Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Double Glazing • Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Enclosed Rear Garden • No Chain

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3 LONGFELLOW ROAD £195,950

- LOWER GORNAL
- Extended semi detached house
- Four bedrooms
- Potential to alter to five bedrooms
- Two separate living areas
- Kitchen/diner, laundry, shower room
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51A UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD £175,000

- COSELEY
- Well presented modern detached house
- Three bedrooms, ensuite shower room
- Spacious lounge
- Conservatory
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17 LINFIELD GARDENS £164,950

- SEDGLEY
- Much improved semi detached house
- Well presented throughout
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53 CLAREMONT ROAD £154,950

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- Traditional semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended to the rear
- Well proportioned accommodation
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19 STRATHERN DRIVE £149,950

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- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Conservatory
- Great views to rear
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7 HOCKLEY ROAD £147,500

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- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms, utility room
- Wide corner plot
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- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
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281 WRENS NEST ROAD £134,950

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- Spacious modern three storey house
- Three bedrooms
- Well presented throughout
- Two car parking spaces at rear
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124 SEDGLEY ROAD £134,950

- WOODSETTON
- Modern semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Parking & garage
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16 THE VISTA O/O £129,995

- SEDGLEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Potential building plot subject to p/p
- Large gardens
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102 EARL STREET £124,950

- COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well maintained & improved
- Conservatory
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85 ROSEMARY CRESCENT £115,000

- WOODSETTON
- Extended semi detached house
- Two bedrooms, dressing room
- Extended bathroom
- Popular location
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- Popular Bramford housing estate
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- Two reception rooms
- Parking
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- Modern mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Well proportioned
- Two allocated car parking spaces
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- Lounge
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Willenhall Coltham Road

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- Fitted bathroom with shower
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£525pcm



Tipton Great Meadow

- Two bed town house
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Unfurnished
- ORP

£525pcm



Wednesbury Goldby Drive

- Two bed FF apartment
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Car parking

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Willenhall Gipsy Lane

- Two bed semi detached house
- Bathroom
- Fitted kitchen with separate utility room
- Additional ground floor WC

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Wednesbury Crown Court

- Two Bed Semi
- Bathroom with shower
- Kitchen/diner with cooker
- ORP

£495pcm



Coseley Bank Street

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Tipton Leveson Drive

- Modern mid terrace property
- Two bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen/diner with cooler
- Bathroom with bath & shower

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Tipton Regent Street

- One bed semi bungalow
- Bathroom with walk in shower
- CH & DG
- Attractive landscaped gardens

£450pcm



Dudley Viewfield Crescent

- FF One bed apartment
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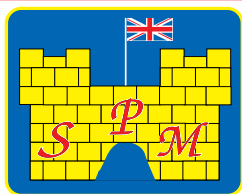
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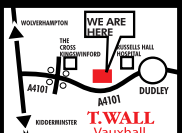
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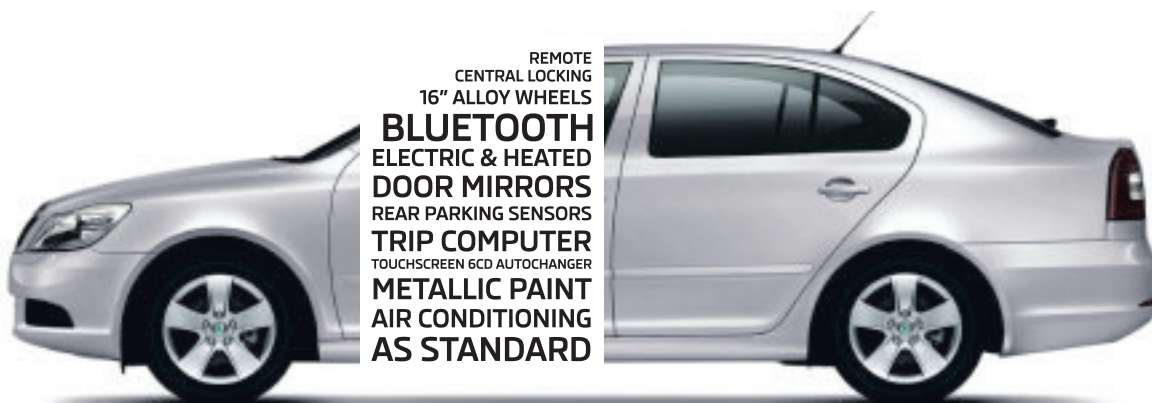
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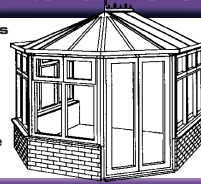
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Lacklustre Tipton are outpaced by Sphinx

Tipton Ta 1 Coventry Sphinx 3
TIPTON turned in a lacklustre performance against Midland Alliance rivals Coventry Sphinx.

It was a major disappointment after their valiant midweek effort against the Walsall youngsters in the Birmingham Senior Cup, to whom they lost by one goal.

Tipton began brightly in the opening minute, Matt Martin's finely-weighted chip into the opposing penalty area finding Karl Edwards, but his effort was blocked by Ashley Jackson. Sphinx took the lead in the 29th minute when Jackson cleverly fooled the home defence by driving a free-kick just inside Tipton keeper Neil Page's left-hand post.

The home side's woes were further compounded in the 35th minute when smart play by the visitors spread-eagled the home defence leaving Tom Muldoon the simple task of stroking home Tunde Ajabade's inch-perfect cross.

Jack Taylor's rising drive made it three in the 54th minute. Karl Edwards netted a consolation.

Victory after weathering early storm

Sutton Coldfield Town 0 Gornal Athletic 3

GORNAL took an excellent FA Cup victory over higher league opposition.

The visitors were under pressure during the first half-an-hour as Sutton ran amok, but in-form James Pemberton kept out efforts from Aaron Farrell and Scott Rickards.

Gornal weathered the storm and went into the break level.

A mistake by keeper Paul Hathaway on 50 minutes led to the first goal as he fell and pulled down Marvin Nisbett.

Chris Rabone made no mistake from the penalty spot.

The visitors' dominance was rewarded with two more goals within the space of two minutes. Nisbett and Rabone combined to set up Matt Weyman who made no mistake.

Then Nisbett latched onto some sloppy play from the Sutton defenders and hit his shot across the keeper and in off the far post.

Stour under-12s start with big victory

Stourbridge U12A 7 St Johns U12 1
STOURBRIDGE under-12s started their MJPL season with a big victory despite going one down after 15 minutes.

They replied with a hat-trick from James Welsh, a double by Rohan Brown and strikes from Alex Walters and Dylan Mustani.

Stourbridge U12B 0

Stourbridge created the only chance of the first half when Harry Rudge fired straight at the keeper from eight yards.

But it was a solid Stourbridge performance with Kai Molloy their man of the match.

Wednesfield U13 2 Stourbridge U13A 2

Stourbridge twice led only to be pegged back on each occasion.

Stourbridge went ahead through a fine strike from Arron Finnegan and looked as if they would be leading at the break, only to be thwarted by an equaliser in the final minute of the half.

Finnegan struck again for Stourbridge to get their noses in front after the interval. Wednesfield poured forward and just as Stourbridge appeared to have weathered the storm, they conceded with virtually the last kick of the match.

Stourbridge juniors

Gornal Colts U13 0 Stourbridge U13B 4

Stourbridge keeper Freddie Clewes put his side on the road to victory by saving a penalty in the first 10 minutes.

Brooke Price got the opening goal and in the second half Nathaniel Connon added an excellent second. Price struck again and Liam Green got the fourth. Sam Green playing his part by contributing to three of the four goals.

Clewes was Stourbridge's man of the match.

Stourbridge U14A 0 Bristol Inner City U14 4

A very good Bristol side dominated with excellent possession and movement. They scored twice in the first 15 minutes.

Stourbridge rallied but an error led to the decisive third goal. The second half was in much the same vein.

Football Futures U14 2 Stourbridge U14B 8

Stourbridge progressed through the first round of the cup with a comfortable win. They rallied from one down to lead 3-1 at half-time with goals from Ethan Shelley, Haydn Curtis and Luke Groves.

The second half saw further goals from Curtis, Groves and Niall Smith before Football Futures pulled one back. Alex Lowe scored two late goals.

Stourbridge U16A 0 Halesowen U16 0

An entertaining derby produced some high-quality football despite the lack of goals. Stourbridge created more chances but found the Halesowen keeper in fine form.

Stourbridge U16 B8 Sedgley Tn U16 1

Liam Kendrick notched a treble in a good opening win. Luke Dimmock got two, Greg Corbett scored from the spot and Harry Greatwich and Travis Stringer also found the target.

Replay as hosts put Brakes on Glassboys

Leamington 2 Stourbridge 2
STOURBRIDGE and Leamington were meeting again on Tuesday after this FA Cup stalemate.

The Glassboys led twice, but the home side hit back on both occasions with Liam Daly sending the tie to a replay with five minutes left.

Gary Hackett's men got off to a terrific start with Chris Knight scoring against his old club with just three minutes played.

Leamington looked to respond and, on nine minutes Lewis Solly parried away a Lee Chilton effort.

Midway through the half, Paul McCone intercepted a pass from Husband and linked up with Ben Billingham to set up a shooting chance for Sean Geddes, who drove inches over.

Stourbridge could have doubled their advantage on the stroke of half-time as Billingham and Geddes combined to release Drew Canavan away through the right-channel. He drove into the box but his shot blocked by Sawyer.

The home side had the better of the early part of the second-half but Leamington grabbed an equaliser.

Daly sent over a cross that drew Solly from his line but his punch dropped to Lee Moore just outside the penalty area and he lifted the ball back past him into an unguarded goal.

The Glassboys hit back to regain the lead in the 72nd minute with a stunning 20-yarder from Geddes.

The Brakes went in search of an equaliser and, with five minutes to go, restored parity after Stourbridge were unable to clear a corner properly. Moore sent the ball back into the box and James Mace laid a short pass back to Daly, who hit a fine drive through a crowd of players past Solly.

A team check in for the win

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club's A team beat their B side 5.5-0.5 in the first match of the season in Division Two of the Wolverhampton League.

A quick friendly draw on board three meant the B team avoided the white-wash.

B players Steve Alcock and Paul Sharratt made Steve Jukes and Nick Harris work hard for their wins.

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Size matters as DK are sunk by the fitter side

THE good news for visiting Dudley Kingswinford was that their back row and three-quarters were competitive and dangerous throughout.

The bad news was their efforts were negated by the size, strength and fitness of a Saxons line-up which put the DK front five through the wringer. The alarm bells were ringing for DK as early as the first scrum when hooker Matt Humphries was penalised for popping up as the drive came on. Saxons outside half Caolan Ryan unleashed a howitzer of a kick that found touch deep in DK's 22, enabling his pack to drive a maul towards the DK line, forcing another penalty as it was pulled down.

The Saxons opted to scrum, up went DK's front row, forcing another penalty. They were unable to handle the pressure when obliged to scrum again. A penalty try was awarded, converted by Ryan for a 7-0 lead after 12 minutes.

Chip
DK drove back to the Saxons' 22 where left-wing Matt Farrington was bundled into touch, just short of the line as he gathered a chip through.

A big hit by Saxons' hooker Stewart Pearl on Jon Higgins knocked the ball loose and it was hacked downfield where the Saxons pack got the squeeze on again and were awarded another penalty, slotted by Ryan.

Robbie Hurrell then secured a lineout throw from which the ball was fed quickly left down the back-line where Will Hurrell came from deep, hitting the pass at full tilt to break the tackle of DK centre Stefan Shillingford and feed Nigel Mukarati in support to score in the corner for 15-0.

Stourbridge Saxons 44 Dudley Kingswinford 10

Stung into action, DK drove into the Saxons' 22 where they were awarded a penalty that was kicked to the corner.

Their catch and drive was held up but the ball was fed wide left for an overlap which saw full-back Simon Fletcher score.

A deep infield kick then found Saxons' winger Stefan Cooksammy, giving him the opportunity to stretch the DK defence.

After several drives Will Hurrell broke another tackle and found Tom Jarvis in support for the third try, converted for a score of 22-5 at half-time.

Cooksammy was into action early in the second half with a counter-attack down the right flank but he lost the ball in contact with Mukarati running unmarked on his shoulder.

DK were then penalised in range of their posts as Shillingford got isolated in the tackle, Ryan again slotting the kick. Rich Stott stole DK's next lineout ball and after a couple of phases a nicely-timed Hurrell pass

found centre colleague Gary Dipple, who broke the line tackle to score the Saxons' fourth and bonus-point try. Ryan converted for 32-5.

The next 20 minutes saw a rash of Saxons tactical substitutions.

DK took advantage, winning a lineout in the Saxons' 22 and moving the ball quickly right where home full-back Tom Jarvis found himself attempting to defend a two-on-one, enabling DK replacement Rhys Pritchard to score.

However, the DK front row collapsed again on their line as the Saxons got a drive on for a second penalty try which saw Ryan slot the conversion as Stourbridge went 39-10 up.

The Saxons leaked a couple more penalties in some error-strewn rugby in the final quarter before DK took a quick tap and fed it to Shillingford, running straight and fast only for Saxons' replacement Ben Barkley to halt him in the tackle. A drive from Harper from the scrum produced the final try.



Rhys Pritchard goes over for Dudley Kingswinford's second try against Stourbridge



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Postman to bag a title bout at 'home'

CRADLEY'S Chris Male will finally get his shot at the English featherweight title at the fourth time of asking with a home fight – possibly in Dudley.

Male has landed a bout with Leeds' Josh Warrington for the vacant crown on Friday, November 9, which could take place at Dudley's The Venue.

The punching postman has seen two meetings with Joe Murray and, in recent weeks, a clash with Jon Fernandes called off.

The first time, against Murray last November, the whole Newport bill was called off and, in February, Male pulled out of the Bolton bout injured.

After recovering from a torn rotator cuff, a match with Fernandes was booked for next month but was scrapped due to poor ticket sales.

With the belt – which hasn't been competed for in six years – still up in the air, luck has gone Male's way this time with a fight in the West Midlands.

Both are unbeaten with their pro records in double figures and Male's trainer Shaun Cooper – despite a 14-month absence for his fighter – is confident.

He said: "He's the most dedicated fighter in our camp and if these guys don't get the cracks they deserve, they walk away from the game."

Gym fixes it for Spencer

BRIERLEY HILL'S Kyle Spencer has been backed to shine in his next professional boxing assignment at Walsall Town Hall.

Spencer is on next Friday's bill and trainer Shaun Cooper has seen a marked improvement from him in the gym.

Behind-the-scenes at Coops Boxing Camp in Brierley Hill, Cooper has worked with Spencer since he turned pro in October of last year.

Spencer is still growing into life as a pro and missed his third fight in June after pulling out with a chest infection.

The 22-year-old light-middleweight is still an unknown but could be a future Midlands champion, according to Cooper.

He said: "Kyle will shock everybody, once he gets a few more fights under his belt. He's looking really good."

Dan's the man with a plan to help Heathens

DAN GREENWOOD says he has more passion for speedway than ever before after a spectacular return to the sport with Dudley Heathens.

Greenwood was tempted back into league racing by the Heathens after three years on the sidelines.

He is determined to help the former Cradley club realise their dream of a league and cup double in the remaining weeks of the season.

He said: "It was just down to personal reasons that I gave up the sport three years ago. But I've had that time out and now I am back in the sport and I have more passion

Dudley Heathens

than I had before so hopefully I can have a lot of success in the future.

"I have really enjoyed my first year back and hopefully I can enjoy many more years. I am happy with how I have done and I want to keep going, obviously. For my first year back I am pleased with where I am, but I still want to improve. I want to go onwards and upwards and become a better rider.

"Riding for a club like Dudley is great. The support we have is superb and it helps me a lot because I like a bit of pressure as

well. Going out in front of all these people puts pressure on me to do well and I think that helps me to ride better.

"We have got a great team spirit at the club and a lot of us like me, Ash (Morris) and Tom (Perry) all grew up riding together in junior racing. We all get on really well and if anyone is having a bad night we pick each other up and that makes it easier to just go out and win the next one."

The season has not only been superb for Greenwood on a personal level – with the Heathens side performing sensationally throughout to top the National League table for the second time in three years. Although

he is delighted with the accomplishment, he knows they need to make it count in the play-offs.

He said: "It has been great to be a part of the side and winning so many meetings. Obviously this is my first year back so I am not too sure how they did in previous years but I don't think there is a better team to be in this season. I think we can definitely beat Mildenhall at home whenever we face them."

Heathens host the home leg of their National League play-off semi-final at "Monmore Wood" on September 25 with their opponents to be confirmed.

Hat-trick of wins on debut

A TEENAGE player from Himley Hall Golf Club is starring on the fairways.

Jake Walley, aged 14, was selected for the Staffordshire under-16 side – and won all three matches on his first appearance.

Walley is on the junior coaching programme at Sparrow Golf Academy, based at Himley Hall, which is enrolling new juniors over the next few weeks.

Founder and head of instruction Mark Sparrow said: "The academy specialises in a structured junior coaching programme which is now reaching its third anniversary and has had 150 juniors enrol during this time.

"We coach children from age five to 17, boys and girls.

"We not only coach the golf swing but also the rules and etiquette to ready the children for competitive play."

He added: "We also coach the top eight players as an elite squad who compete in the Staffordshire junior league each season."

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DOMINANT ROBINS ARE LEFT RED-FACED

DUDLEY TOWN were left kicking themselves after failing to convert a dominant first-half performance.

Instead they left the door wide open for the resolute visitors to snatch the victory in this FA Cup first qualifying round, *writes Glen Beckley.*

From the whistle Dudley forced themselves on to the front foot, pressuring Nuneaton into mistakes and allowing the home side to dominate possession. The Robins threatened when Robert Whitley latched onto a deep free-kick but could not keep his shot down.

The home side played the ball out from the back, finding an outlet in Ryan Francis-Mills.

His football was slick and clever, the player equally comfortable at cutting inside as he was running the full-back.

Griff was struggling to even get their foot on the ball.

But they remained resolute in beating off the Dudley attacks.

Smash
However, Nuneaton had their fortune when Dreniz Bala rocketed a shot past Griff keeper Dave Watson only to see it smash off the post and out of play.

The pattern continued. Captain Danny Ludlow hung up a cross for Francis-Mills who failed to apply enough power to the header to trouble Watson.

The half finished with Dudley in the ascendancy as Brett McGillican rattled the crossbar with a curler just before Whitley unleashed a thunderbolt that Watson managed to palm away.

Dudley's 4-3-3 formation functioned well in the first half, but as the second period got under way and proceedings became scrappy, they

Dudley Town 0 Nuneaton Griff 1

switched to a 4-4-2 with Ludlow heading out wide left.

But the second half never managed to get the pace or flow of the first. The visitors finally got into the game and Whitley had to head a powerful cross clear.

Nuneaton got the winner when Dave Barnett beat Whitley and hit in a deep cross that was headed back down into the danger zone for a brave Mitchell Thompson to launch himself and score with a diving header.

The home side couldn't make a pass and the visitors grew in confidence. Neat triangles of play made Dudley do all the work as they chased an equaliser.

Dudley looked frail and susceptible as Thompson went close to a second goal, drilling his low shot wide.

Aden Moore also pressed for the visitors and as the clock ticked down, home nerves began to show.

The last 10 minutes were poor, but come the final whistle only one thing mattered; all of Dudley's domination, possession and chances were wiped away by Nuneaton taking their chance.

Beacon shine, but their rivals take the victory



Beacon thirds display their trophy after finishing runners-up in the Staffordshire Clubs knockout to Wednesbury. Beacon hosted the league finals day, but Wednesbury took the spoils courtesy of an eight-wicket success.

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